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第17話



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WE DECIDED
TO GO ON A
TWO-DAY, ONE-
NIGHT TRIP TO
HAKONE.

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LOVERS' EXPRESS

← HAKONE 29

JUST
LIKE
LAST
TIME

I'VE
ARRIVED
EARLY
THIS TIME
AS WELL.



Although I know that,
I'm still anxious

...

SHE'LL
COME,
WON'T
SHE?

This time
she will
definitely
come!

It's no
problem.

Hiyori-san
just sent me
a text saying
that she was
on her way.

I'M ON MY WAY.



I came too
early anyway.



You arrived
first in the
end.



SORRY
FOR THE
WAIT
EVEN
THOUGH
I LEFT
EARLIER.



Okay!



LET'S
SET OUT
THEN

ON OUR
TRIP!

SATISFIED





WILL
YOUR
SHOP BE
ALRIGHT?

HANA-
ZONO-
SAN

IT'S
FINE.

Hiyori's
mother

Enjoy this
vacation you've
been looking
forward to

Say hello to
Hanzonog-kun
for me

...
HOW
RELIABLE.

DON'T
WORRY

AS LONG AS
MY MOTHER IS
ON OUR SIDE,
WE HAVE NO-
THING TO
FEAR.

YAY!

Since she got
into college by
recommendation

So it's
her

Oh

MY COUSIN
IS COMING
OVER TO HELP
AT THE SHOP.

Ahem

HANA-
ZONO-
SAN

I'd like to learn
that youthful
inspiration of
hers...

SHE
CAN WRAP
A FLOWER
BOUQUET
ALREADY,
SHE'S ALSO
GOOD AT
OTHER
TASKS.

They look
delicious!



Wow,
sandwiches!

TADA

EH!?

ACTUALLY,

I BROUGHT
ALONG SOME
BENTOS I HAD
MADE.



Let's watch
the scenery
as we eat the
sandwiches.



We haven't
even arrived
yet.

IT'S STILL
EARLY, HANA-
ZONO-SAN. ♪

VED

RIGHT
NOW,

I MUST BE
THE HAPPIEST
MAN ALIVE...



We're
here!



The fish-
cakes smell
amazing,
they must be
delicious too.

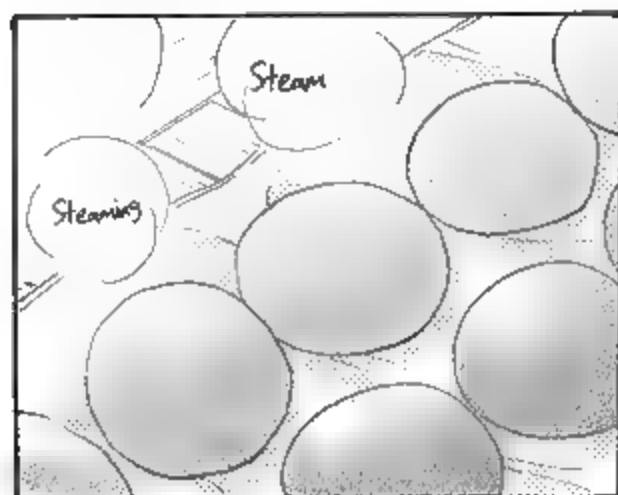
So many
people are
selling hot
spring buns.



SUDDENLY



HAKONE YUKI STATION



TL NOTE: "INFORMAL" AS IN, IT'S NOT A REAL DOCTOR



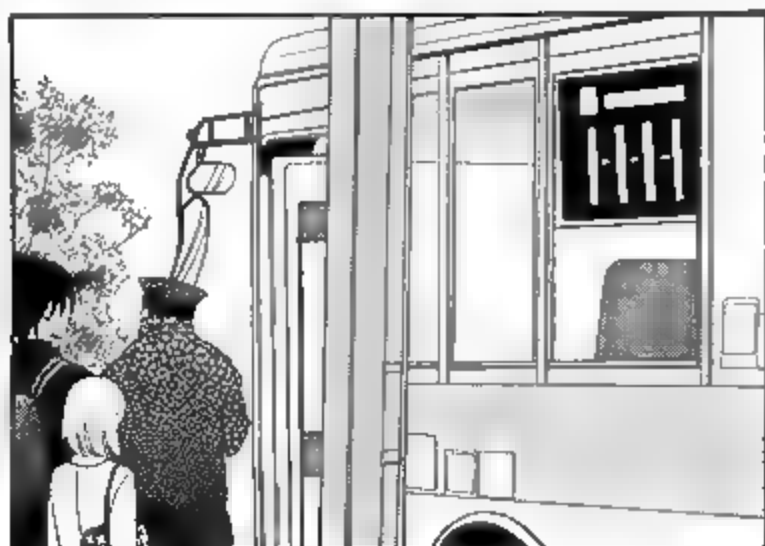
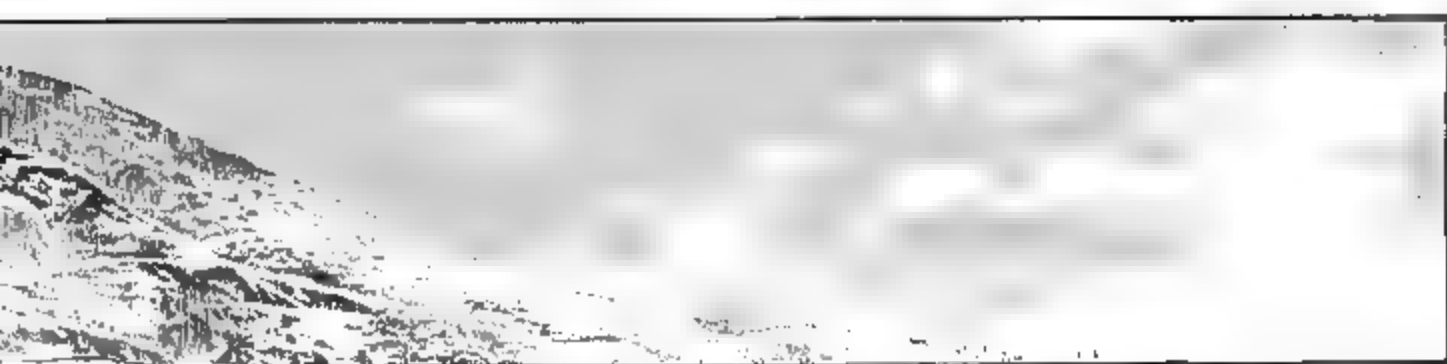
AFTERWARDS,
THEY

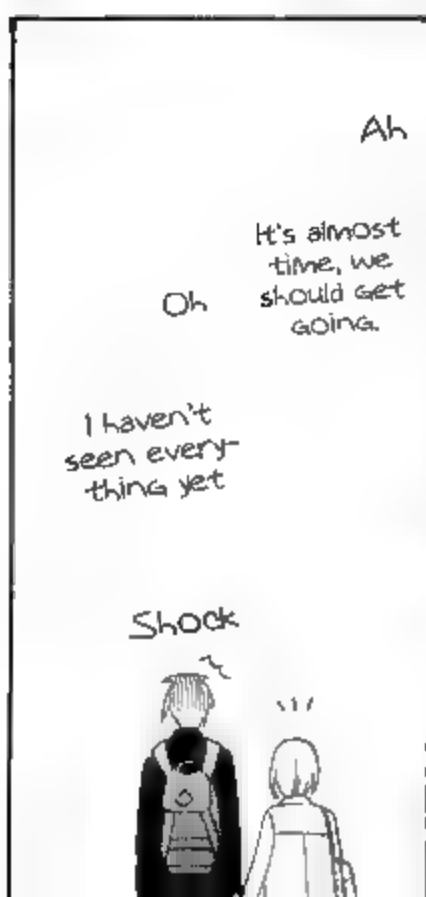
SSS



SHARED THE
BUN TOGETHER.

DON'T
JUST STAND
THERE TAKING
PICTURES!







How
cute

3D MOVIE
PROJECTION

THE LITTLE PRINCE



A 3D
Projection
Movie

HAVE YOU
SEEN ONE
BEFORE?

I'VE SEEN
ONE ON TV.

I'VE HEARD
ABOUT IT ON
THE NEWS
BEFORE.

OOOH

Hana-
zono-
san

It seems
like they're
preparing to
show a 3D
movie here.



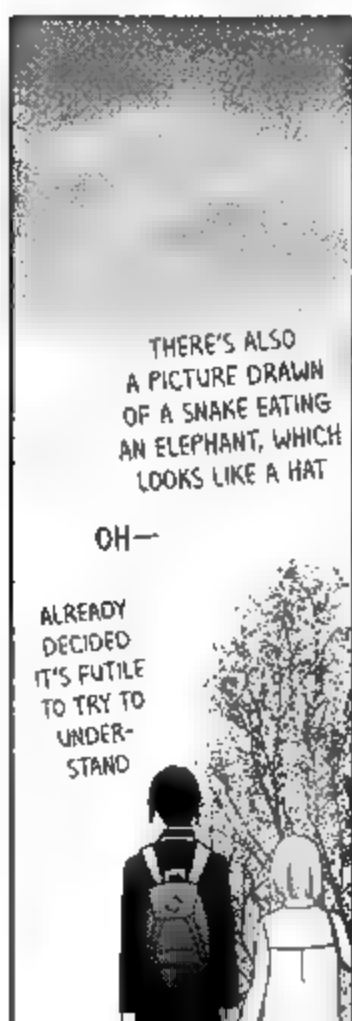


YOUR
EXPRESSION
IS TELLING ME
'HOW INNOCENT
YOU ARE.'

HMPH

AH, LOOK

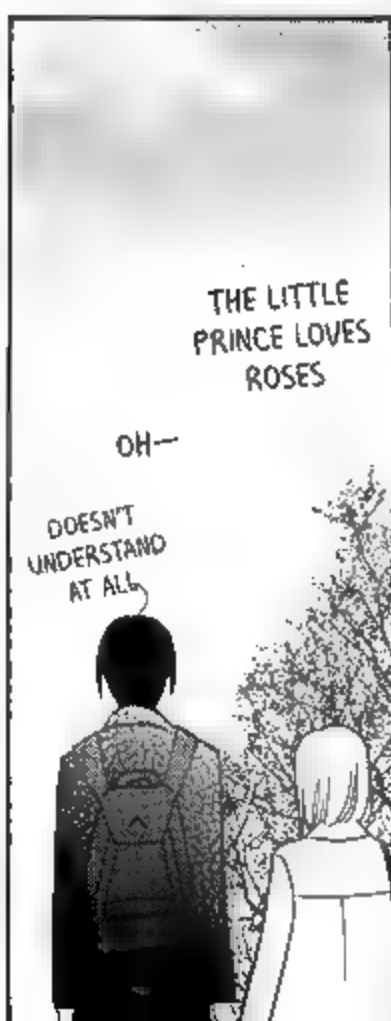
HERE'S ANOTHER
LITTLE PRINCE



THERE'S ALSO
A PICTURE DRAWN
OF A SNAKE EATING
AN ELEPHANT, WHICH
LOOKS LIKE A HAT

OH—

ALREADY
DECIDED
IT'S FUTILE
TO TRY TO
UNDER-
STAND



THE LITTLE
PRINCE LOVES
ROSES

OH—

DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND
AT ALL



I HAVEN'T
READ THIS
BOOK YET.

IT'S A VERY
BEAUTIFUL
TALE.

WHAT KIND
OF STORY DO
THEY TELL IN
THE LITTLE
PRINCE?



WAITING FOR THE 3D
MOVIE'S SHOWING

THERE'S

ALL KINDS
OF BEAUTIFUL
PLANTS HERE.



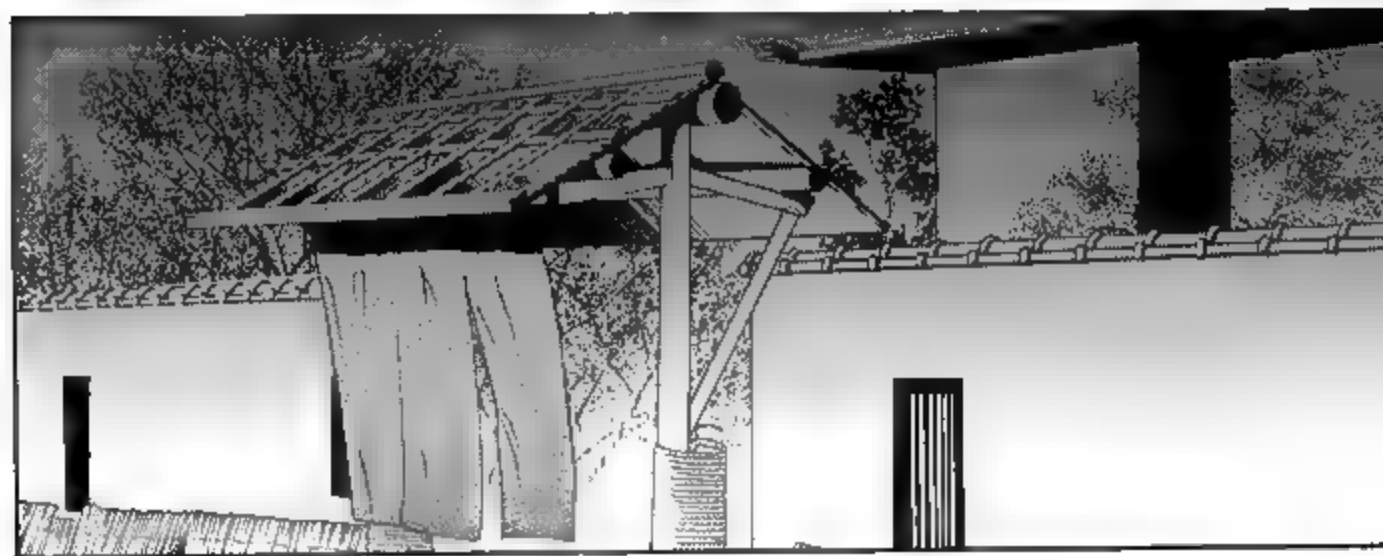
IT'S
STARTING

AH

IT'S
BECAUSE
I AM A
FLORIST.

THAT
SOUNDS LIKE
SOMETHING
A FLORIST
WOULD SAY.





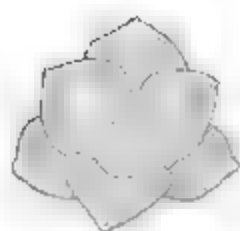


WELCOME
AND THANK
YOU FOR
COMING. I
HAVE BEEN
ANTICIPATING
YOUR ARRIVAL.

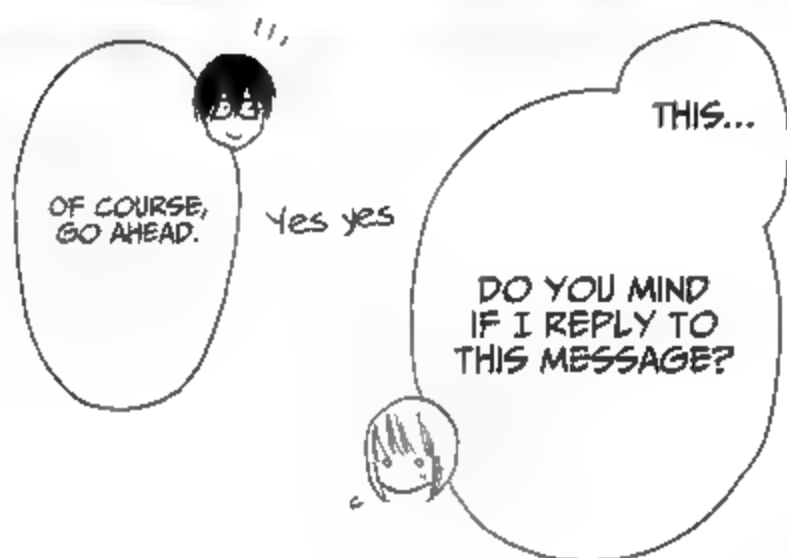
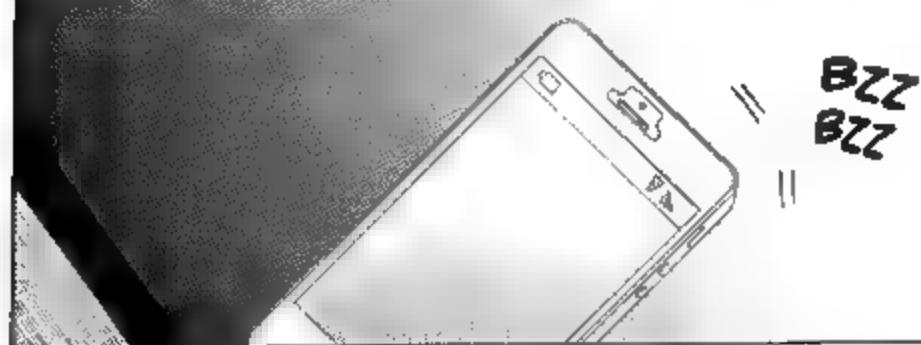
ALLOW ME
TO TAKE YOU
TO YOUR
ROOM.

BADUMP

THIS WILL
BE YOUR
ROOM.

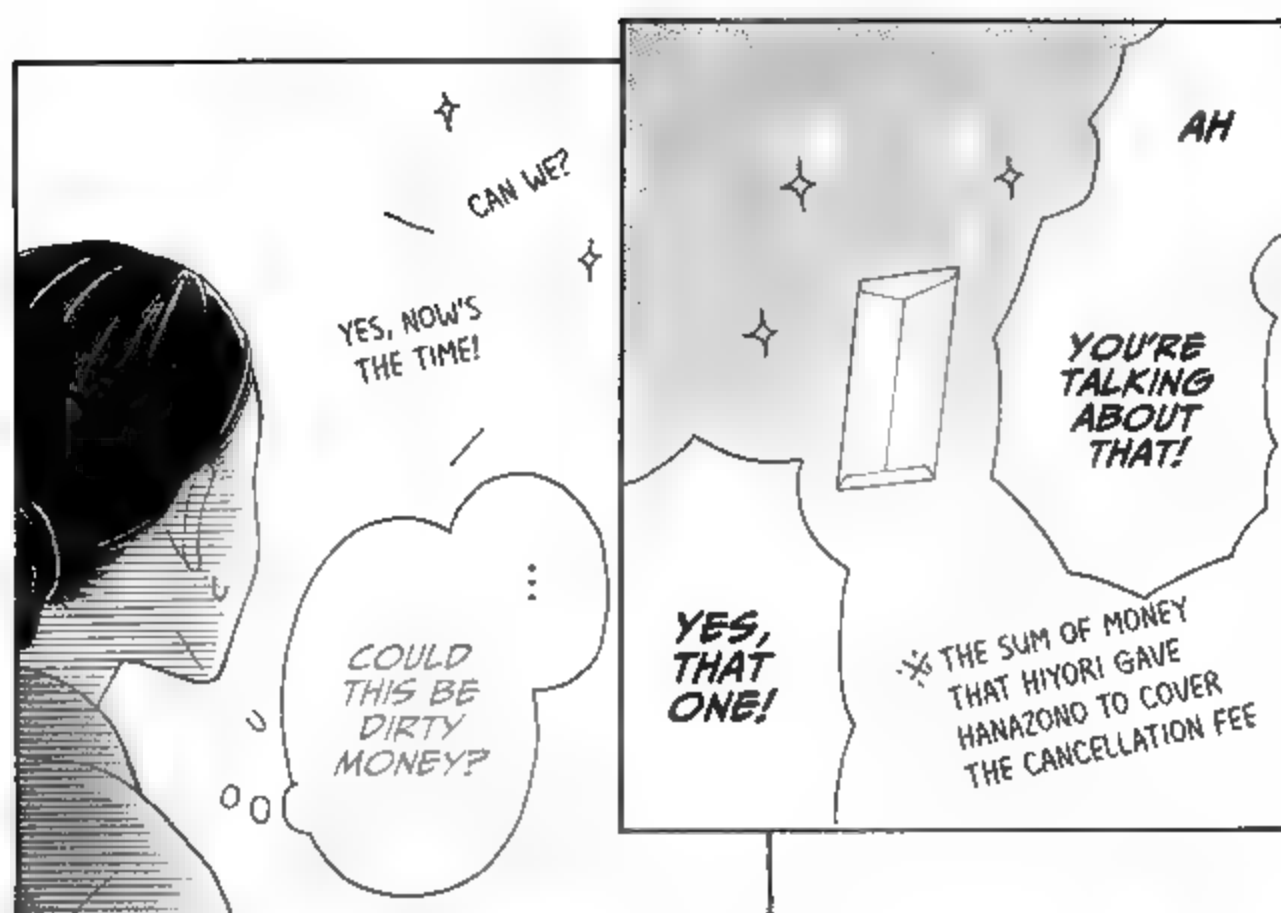


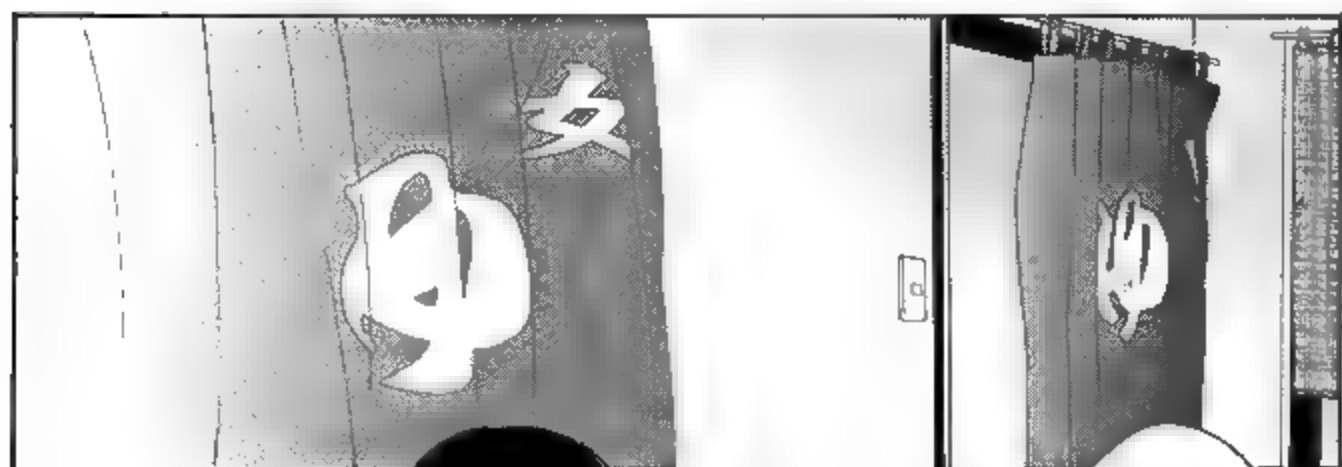
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EH!?

WHY DON'T
WE HEAD IN
THERE TO
SOAK?

PRIVATE
OUTDOOR
BATHS

Sobered
up

How
unfor-
tunate

Ah
THE RESER-
VATIONS ARE
ALL FILLED
UP.

THERE
ARE EVEN
OUTDOOR
BATHS HERE

Haha

AHHH
...

I THINK
IT'LL BE
A WHILE
BEFORE I
COME OUT
...

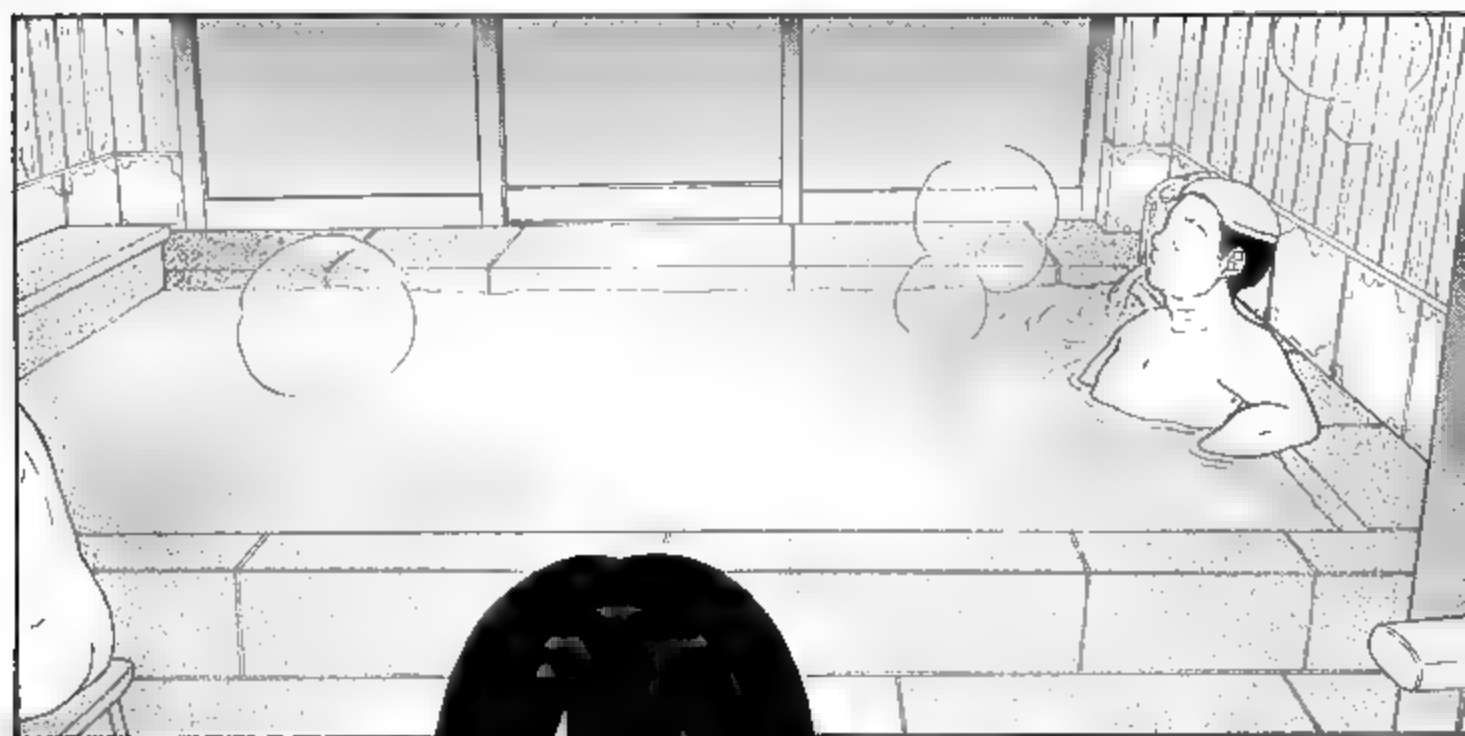
THAT'S
FINE.

TAKE YOUR
TIME

OKAY

THEN

WHY DON'T
WE MEET UP
HERE AFTER
WE'RE DONE IN
THE SPRINGS?





Flow
Flow

IS THAT THE
SOURCE OF
THE SPRING
WATER?



Dip

THOUGH I OFTEN
GO TO THE BATH-
HOUSE NEAR MY
HOME

SPLASH

IT'S BEEN
A LONG TIME
SINCE I CAME
TO A HOT
SPRING TO
SOAK IN.



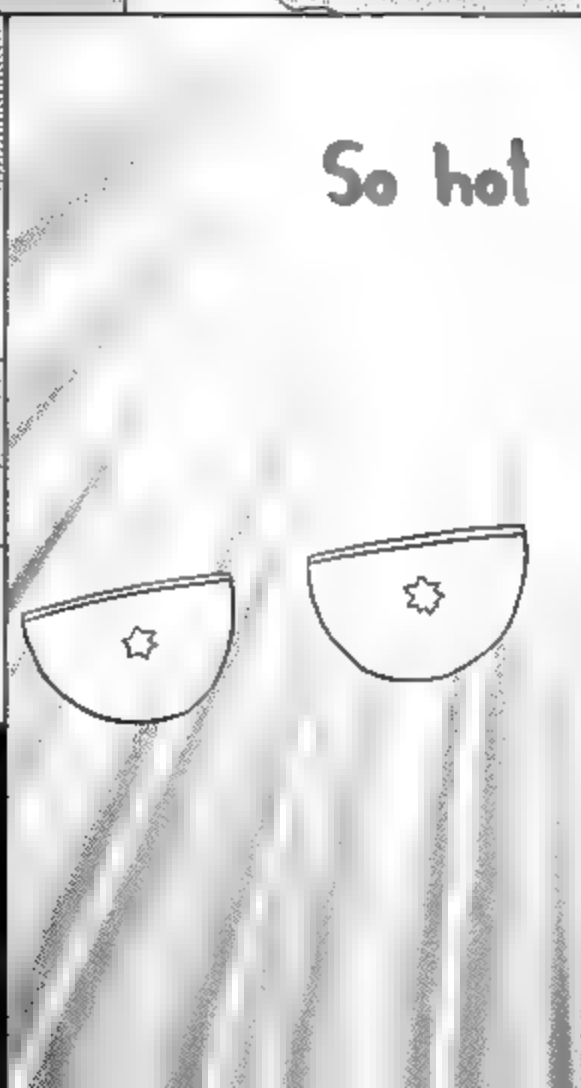
Huh!?

Hoh-

It's this
hot!?

sitting
right next to
the source!

THE PERSON
IS SO FEARLESS



So hot

※THE WEATHER AFFECTS THE
WATER TEMPERATURE

There
wouldn't be
any point in
coming to
Hakone!!

IT'S HOT

The bath
is quite
open
though

If I
don't
go in

But

This water
really is too
hot for me

Wow

THE PLACE
IS PRETTY
OPEN RIGHT
NOW

**SUDDEN
SHIVER**



IT FEELS
LIKE

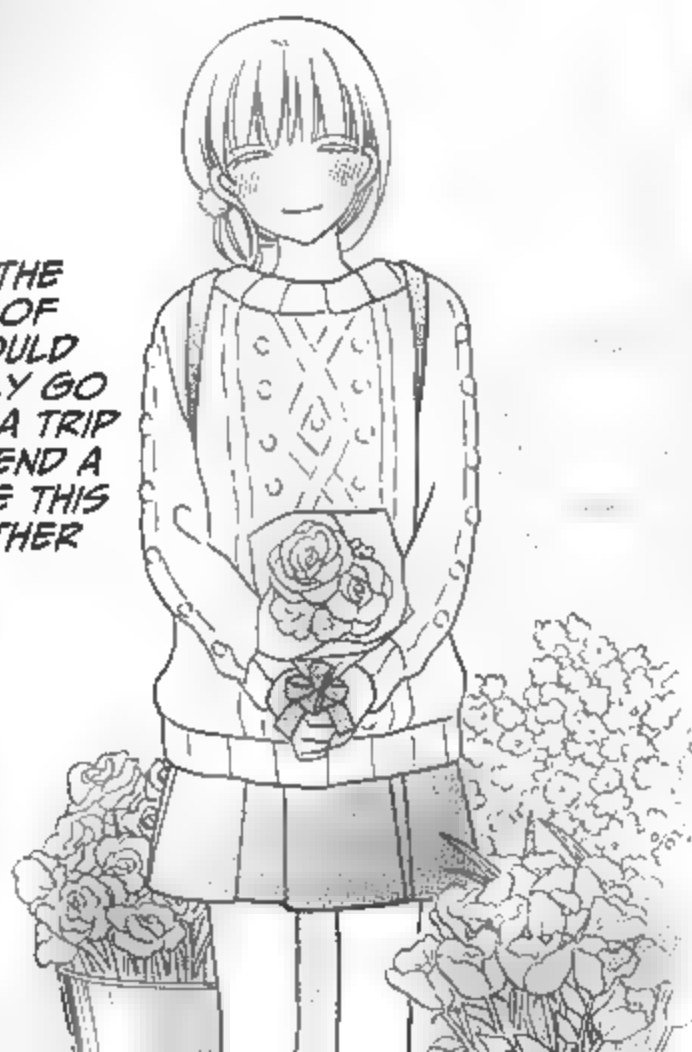
MY DREAM

HAS BECOME
A REALITY



WITH HIYORI-SAN

THAT THE
TWO OF
US WOULD
ACTUALLY GO
OUT ON A TRIP
AND SPEND A
DAY LIKE THIS
TOGETHER



I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT
MYSELF

B
A
-
T
H
U
M
P

HANAZONO-
SAN

YEAH

YE-

I'VE MADE
YOU WAIT
A BIT.



SIT

I MUSTERED
UP MY COURAGE
TO HEAD INTO
THE WATER.

THE
THE HOT
SPRINGS,
WERE THEY
HOT?

VERY
HOT...



AH

THERE'S
SOME TEA
OVER THERE.

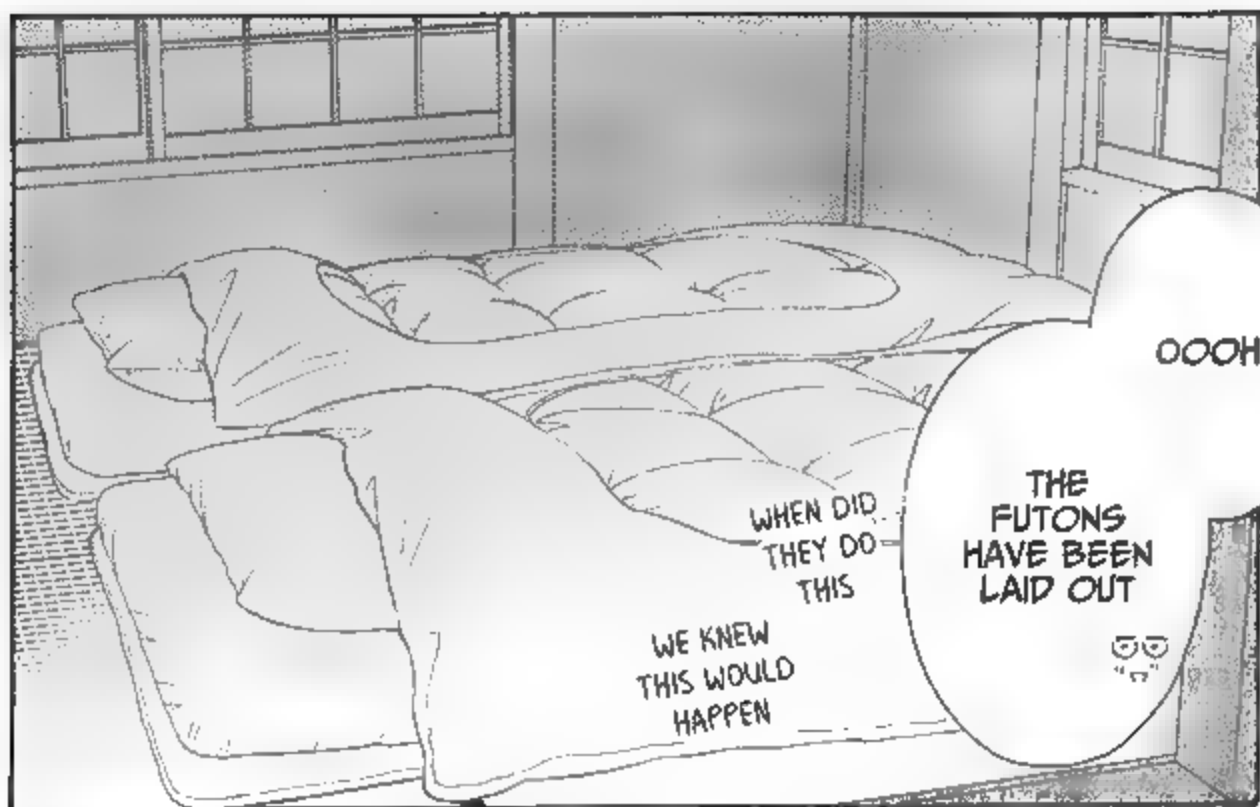


HANA-
ZONO-
SAN?

TIP

AH!















I'M SO
HAPPY

THAT
I COULD
COME HERE
WITH HANA-
ZONO-SAN.



Chu

Chu



SUDDENLY—



PFFF
HAHA

WELL,
BECAUSE
...

PLEASE
DON'T LAUGH
AT ME

I've just
taken a
counter-
attack

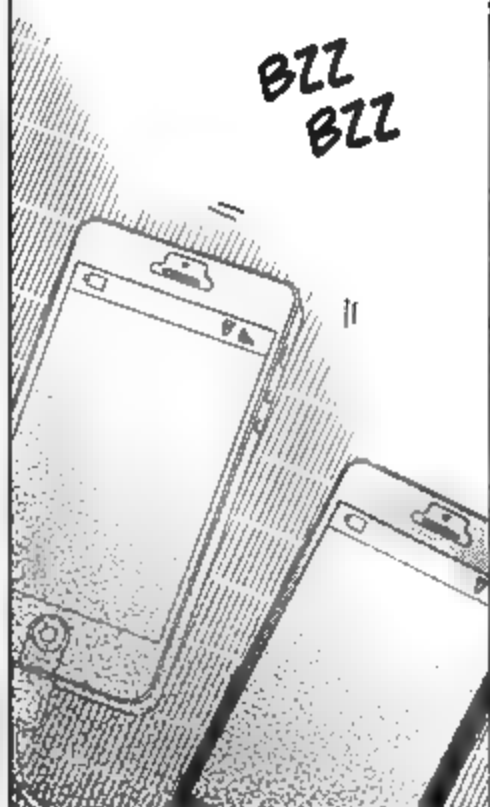
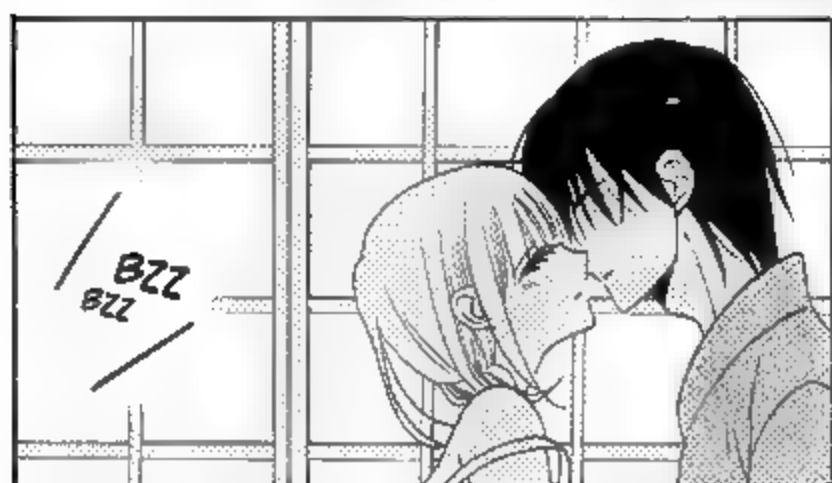


Ah
I'm sorry

Let me
remove
it







A MESSAGE...

IS IT THE SAME
PERSON FROM
EARLIER?



What do
you think?

THEN IT'LL
BE GOOD
FOR YOU
TO RESPOND
QUICKLY



...

IT'S...

THAT
PERSON
IS A SENIOR
WHO TOOK
CARE OF ME
AS I WAS PRE-
PARING TO
LOOK FOR
A JOB...

I THINK

IT PROBABLY
ISN'T SOME-
THING I NEED
TO ANSWER
RIGHT AWAY.

NO

Startled

ARE THERE
ANY PROB-
LEMS YOU'RE
FACING?



IF I
WERE TO
APPEAR ON
TELEVISION

WHAT WOULD
YOU THINK
ABOUT IT?

WELL

...





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CHIRP
CHIRP

CHIRP



...GOOD
MORNING.



GOOD
MORNING.



LOOKS
LIKE I WAKE
UP LATER
THAN YOU,
HIYORI-
SAN.....



THEY
SERVE IT
UNTIL TEN
O'CLOCK.

UNTIL WHAT
TIME DOES
THIS PLACE
SERVE BREAK-
FAST?



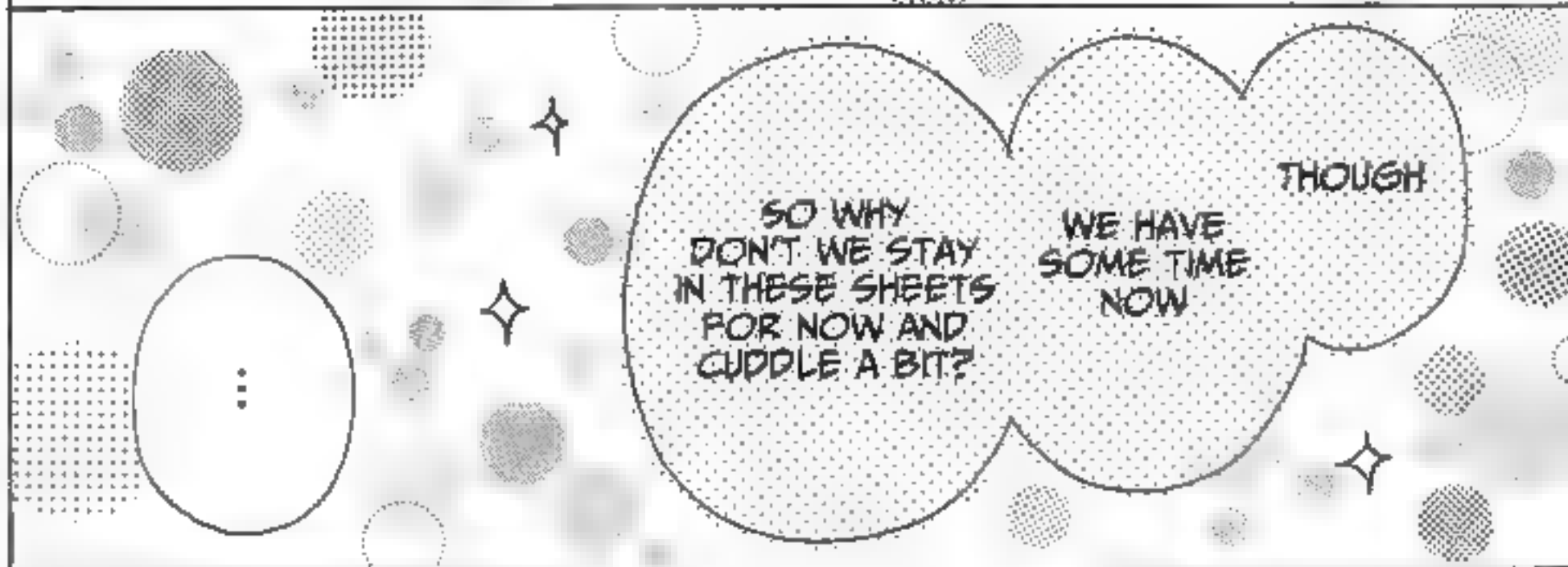
OHHH.

THERE'S
A WIDE
VARIETY
OF FOOD
THERE.

THEY
HAVE BOTH
TRADITIONAL
AND WESTERN
CUISINE.

IT'S
SERVED
BUFFET-
STYLE.

WE CAN
GO TO THE
CAFETERIA
ON THE FIRST
FLOOR FOR
BREAKFAST.









HIYORI-
SAN,

I ALWAYS
THINK THAT YOU
GIVE OFF A NICE
SCENT.



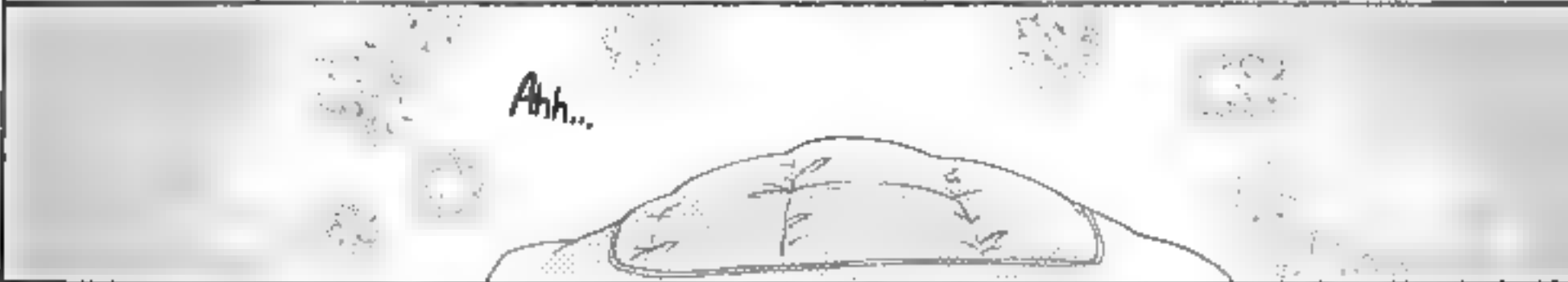
ACTUALLY,
I JUST TOOK
AN EARLY
MORNING
BATH.

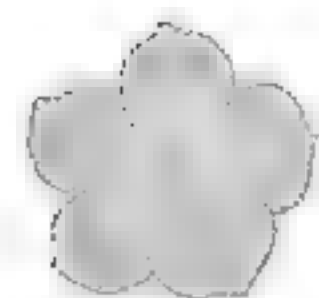
EH

BECAUSE YOU
WERE STILL ASLEEP,
HANAZONO-SAN...

HOW CRAFTY







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IT'S NICE
THAT WE
HAVE CLEAR
SKIES, TOO.

THE SEA
AND HILLS
HERE ARE SO
PRETTY!



12:50
跡・新

桃源
Togen

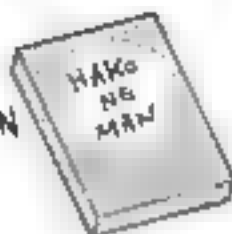
LET'S GO
TO THE GIFT
SHOP FOR
NOW

WE STILL
HAVE SOME
TIME UNTIL THE
BOAT LEAVES

GOOD
IDEA

SHOULD
WE GET
SOME GIFTS
FOR YOUR
MOTHER,
THEN?

AND SOME
DECORATIVE
FLORAL WOODEN
ART PIECES

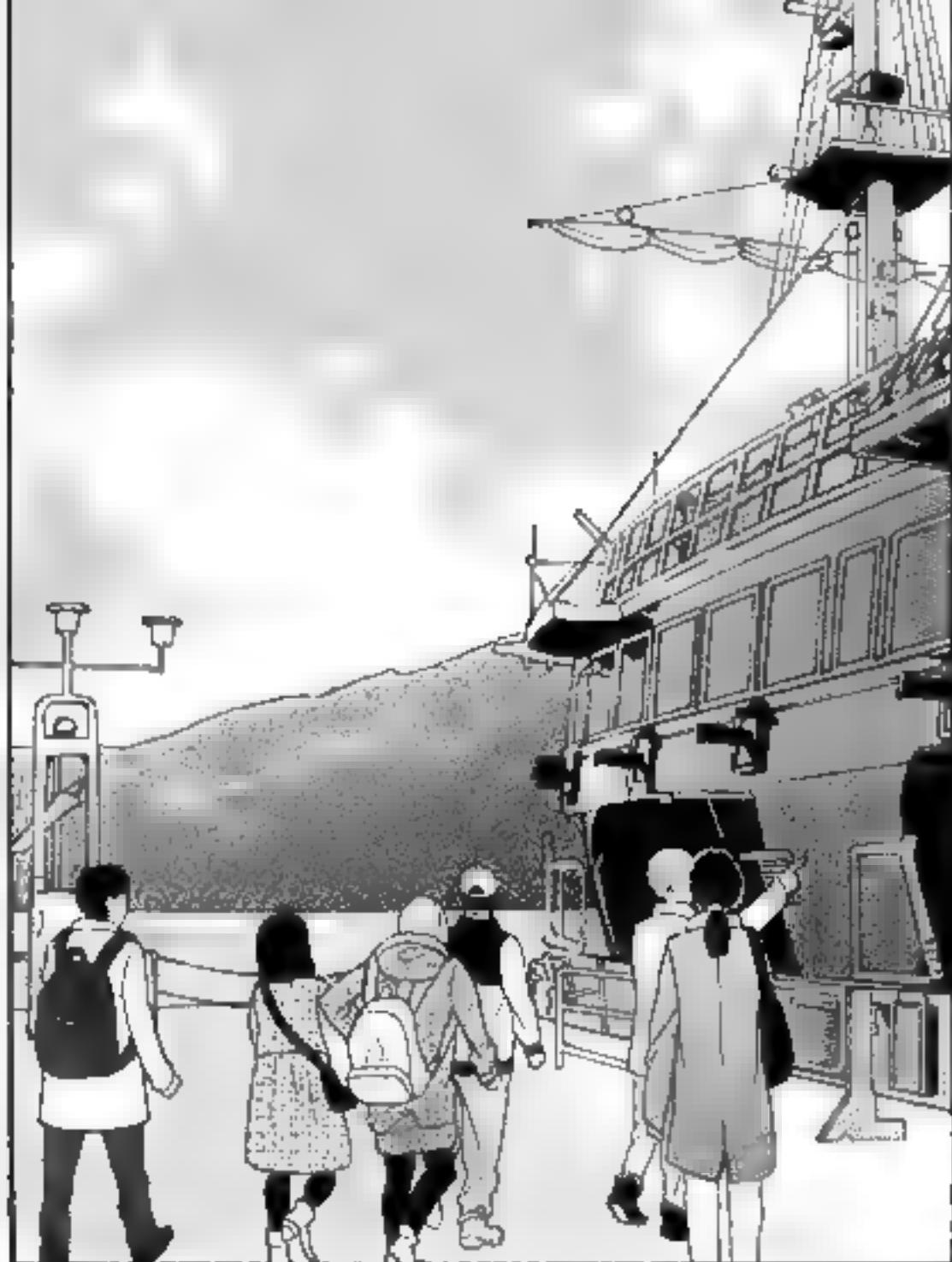


LET'S GET
HER SOME
STEAMED
BUNS

THIS BOAT
LOOKS LIKE
A PIRATE BOAT,
DOESN'T IT?

EH!?

PIRATES?



IT REALLY
DOES

I FEEL
LIKE A
KID AGAIN

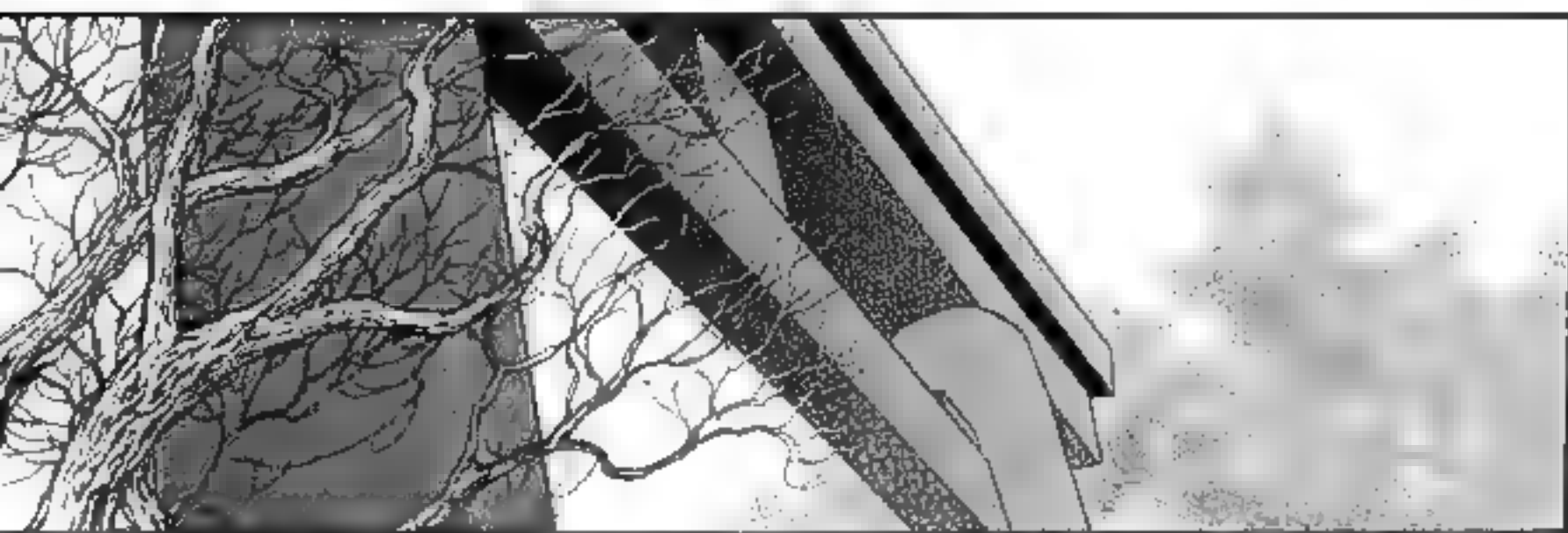
I'VE BEEN
GETTING
MORE AND
MORE EX-
CITED.





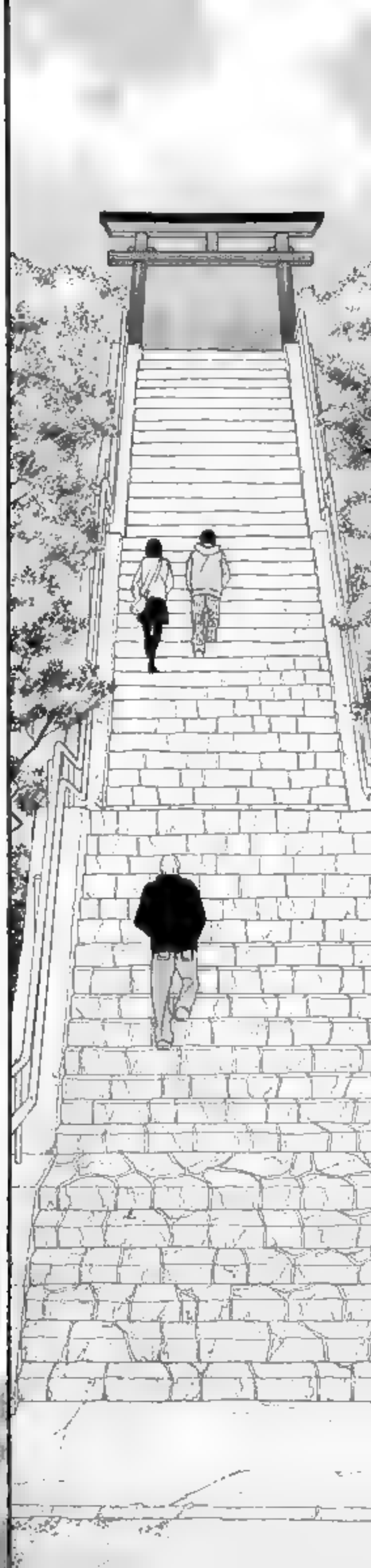
WOW







RUSTLE
RUSTLE







WILL

WILL YOU
BECOME
AN ACTOR?

OH

NO

NOT
LIKE
THAT.



AMONG
THE SENIORS
AT MY COL-
LEGE CLUB,
THERE'S
SOMEONE
WHO WORKS
IN THE NEWS
MEDIA INDUS-
TRY.



WE OFTEN
CONSULT
WITH HER
ABOUT FIND-
ING JOBS.

TOGETHER
WITH RIKA-
CHAN,



ENCOURAGING

THAT PERSON IS
LIKE A BIG SISTER,
SHE'S BOTH STRONG
AND ENCOURAGING.

THE
SENIOR
SAID
THAT

A LOCAL
TELEVISION
STATION IS
LOOKING FOR
A WEATHER
BROADCASTER
TO JOIN NEXT
SPRING,

SO THEY'RE
ASKING IF I
WANT TO TRY
OUT AS A
WEATHER-
WOMAN.

IT
SEEMS
LIKE BE-
FORE
THAT,

THERE'S A
BEAUTY CON-
TEST AMONG THE
COLLEGE GIRLS,
WITH THE WINNER
GETTING THE
WEATHERWOMAN
POSITION.

SHE ALSO
SAID THAT IF I
WANTED TO JOIN,
SHE WOULD SUP-
PORT ME IN THE
CONTEST...

A WEATHER
BROAD-
CASTER!?

THAT'S
RIGHT.

THAT'S
AMAZING.

...

...




I THINK
THAT THIS
IS ALL VERY
IMPRESSIVE



AND SEEING
WHAT I CAN
ACCOMPLISH.

I WAS
ALSO THINK-
ING ABOUT
TRYING OUT



SINCE THAT
SENIOR HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
TAKING CARE
OF ME

THAT
WOULD BE
RUDE OF
ME.

IF I DON'T
SERIOUSLY
CONSIDER
THIS MATTER
BEFORE RE-
PLYING,



BUT I

AM STILL
A BEGIN-
NER ABOUT
CAREER-
RELATED
THINGS.

I DON'T
KNOW IF I

WANT
TO DO
THIS WORK,
AFTER ALL

...



...

HIYORI-
SAN

SHE SAID
SHE WANTED
MY ANSWER
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

DO YOU
HAVE TO
MAKE YOUR
DECISION
NOW?

BEFORE
YOU FINALLY
GIVE YOUR
RESPONSE.

TAKE
YOUR TIME
TO CARE-
FULLY CON-
SIDER THIS

BECAUSE
THIS RELATES
TO YOUR
FUTURE,

THERE IS
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT.

THEN I
WILL HELP
YOU REACH
A DECISION.

IF YOU
CAN'T MAKE
THIS CHOICE
ALONE






I,

I DIDN'T
EXPERIENCE
THE STRESS
OF CHOOSING
A CAREER.

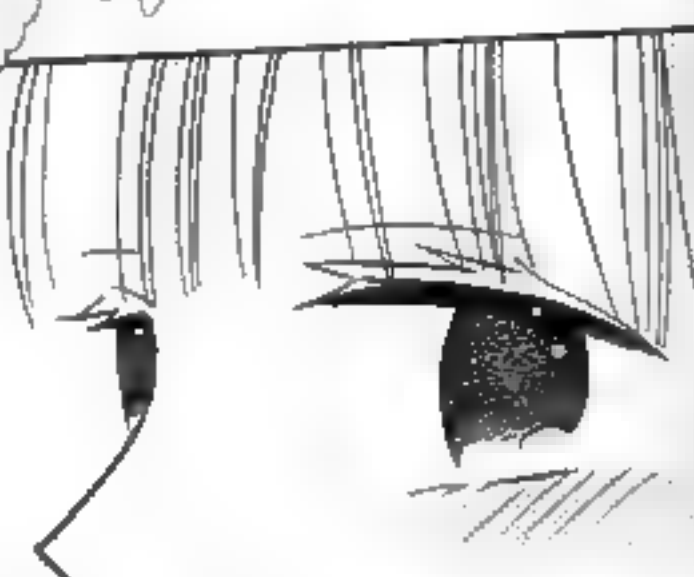
SINCE I
ALWAYS
WANTED TO
CARRY ON
THE FLORIST
BUSINESS,




AND THIS
MAKES ME
HAPPY.

TAKE ON MEAN-
ING FOR THE PER-
SON THAT THEY
ARE GIVEN TO.

THE
FLOWERS
I SELL,



I THINK RE-
GARDLESS OF
WHAT CAREER
YOU CHOOSE



IT WILL
TURN OUT
OKAY.

AS LONG
AS WHAT
YOU DO
CAN
HELP
OTHER
PEOPLE,



LIKE HOW

AS LONG
AS HIYORI-SAN
SMILES WITH ME,
I CAN CONTINUE
STAYING CHEERFUL
LIKE THIS.

HIYORI-SAN,
I'M SURE
THAT THERE
ARE MANY
PEOPLE

WHOM
YOU HAVE
CHEERED
UP.



DID THAT
HAPPEN?

Huh?

...HANA-
ZONO-
SAN

YOU
TOLD ME
SOMETHING
SIMILAR.

THE FIRST
TIME I MET
YOU,



AT THE
CULTURAL
FESTIVAL,
DURING THE
BEAUTY
CONTEST'S



PLEASE,
HIYORI

ORGA-
NIZER

COUNCIL
MEMBER

TSUKADA-
SAN...

RIKA-CHAN
ASKED ME
TO JOIN THE
CONTEST,
SO I
COULDN'T
JUST REFUSE
HER.



SO I
RAN AWAY
...

I FELT
THAT IT
WOULD BE
REALLY
TROUBLE-
SOME.

BUT JUST
BEFORE
THE EVENT
STARTED



I HATED THE
THOUGHT OF
PARTICI-
PATING,

SO I RAN
AWAY.

I HAD
ALWAYS
FELT

THAT ALL
SORTS OF
THINGS

MADE ME
MISERABLE.



BUT THEN,



HANA-
ZONO-
KUN,



YOU TOLD ME
'IF YOU CAN HEAL
A TROUBLED HEART,
THAT'S GOOD
ENOUGH.'

I

REALLY
LOVE HANA-
ZONO-SAN'S
WAY OF
THINKING.

I REALLY
DO.

MOST OF
ALL, I LOVE

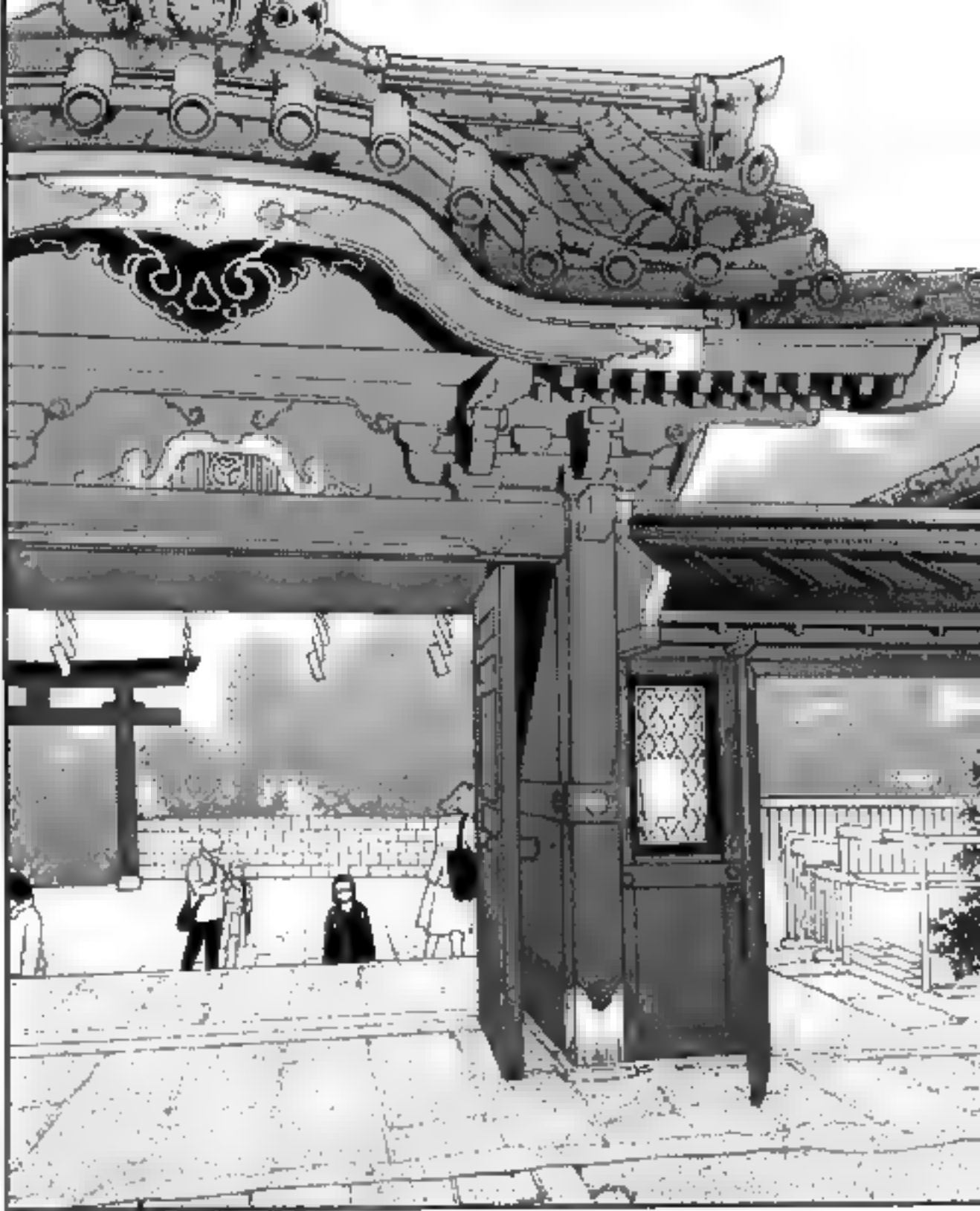
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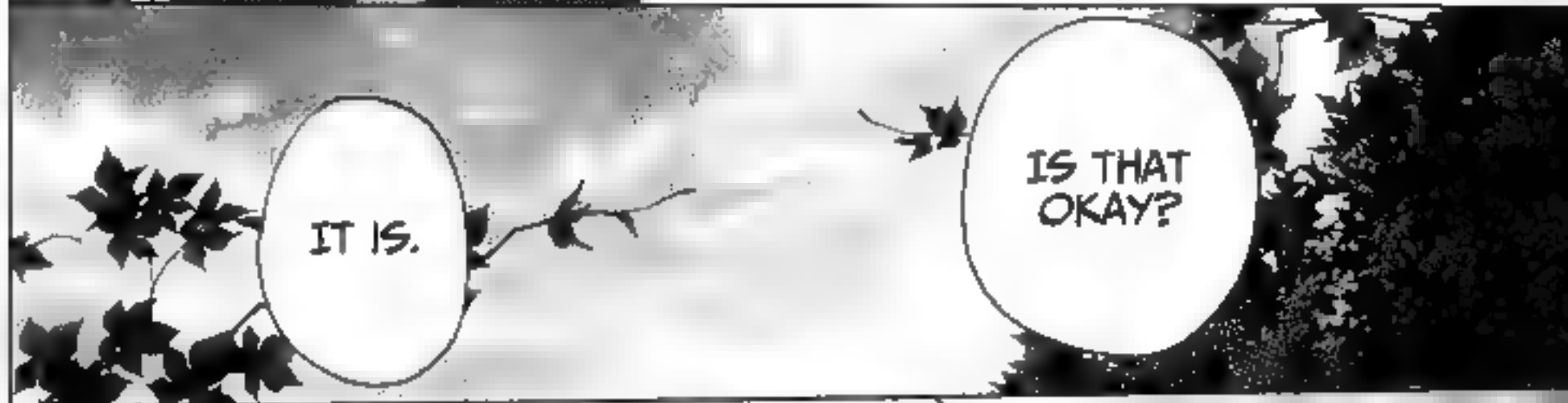


THANK YOU.

...









...

THIS
IS JUST
LIKE YOU,
HIYORI-
SAN.

THANK YOU.



MHM.

THE SUNSET
IS BEAUTIFUL.



...IT
HAS.



THIS
TRIP

HAS
BEEN
QUITE
PLEA-
SANT.



A BIG
BREATH OF
RELIEF.

LIKE I'VE
LET OUT

IT
FEELS

THE OTHER
SIDES OF
HIYORI-SAN

BECAUSE
I WANT TO
SEE



THROUGH THOSE
DIFFICULT TIMES
THAT POP UP.

I WANT
TO HELP
PUSH HER

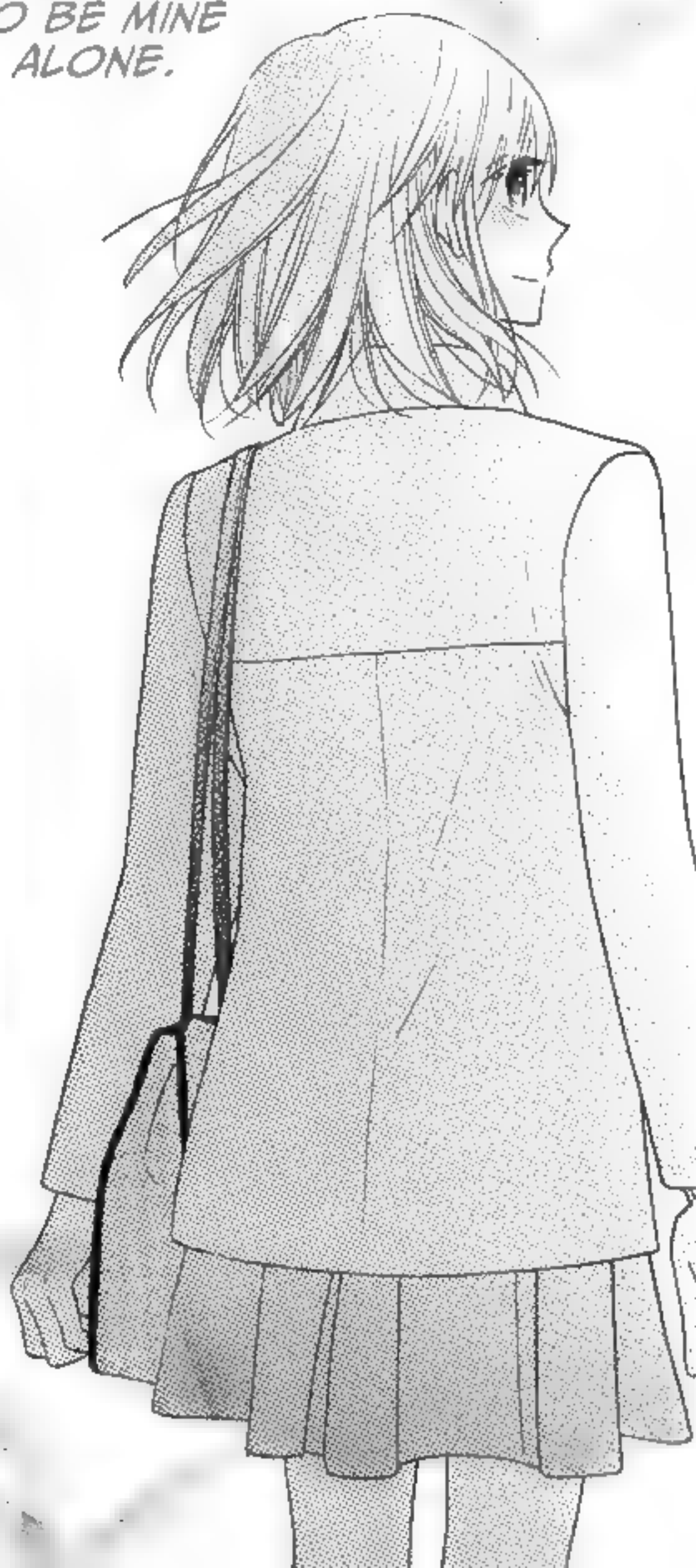
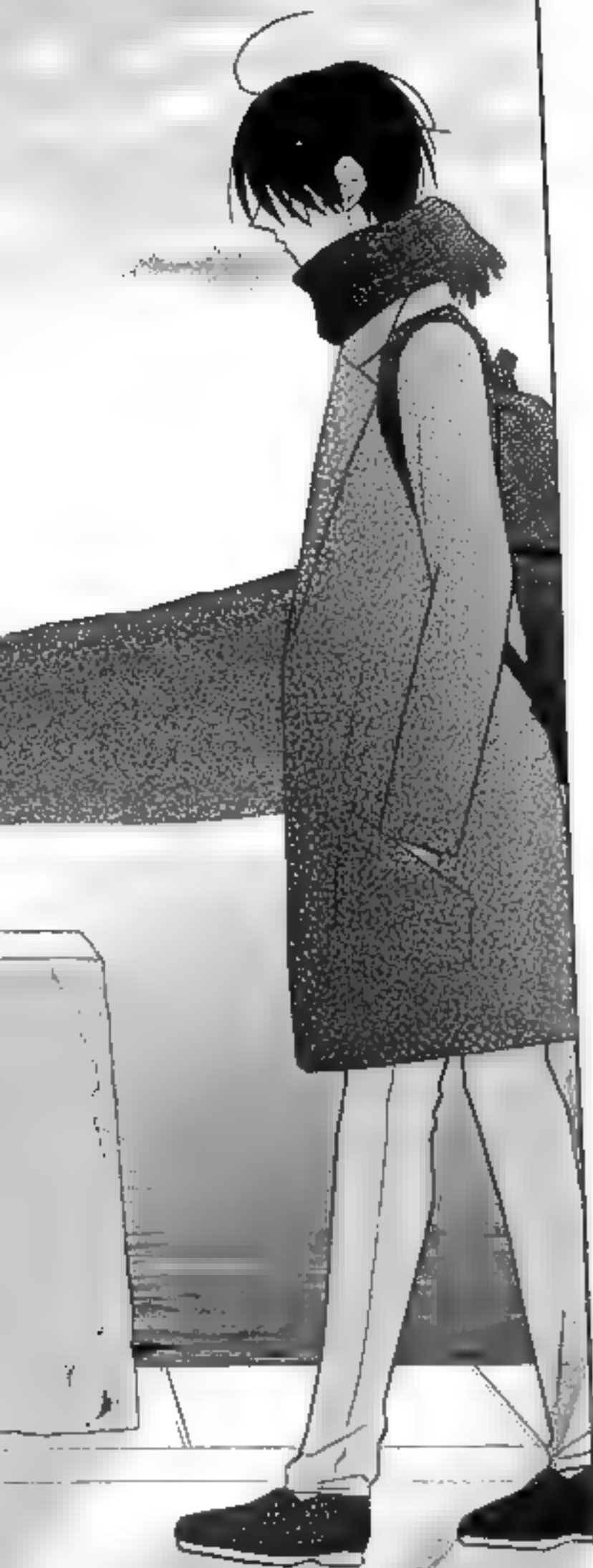



NOR DO I
KNOW HOW
TO SAY IT,

I CAN'T
SAY IT,

BUT IN
THE END,
I STILL

WANT
HIYORI-SAN
TO BE MINE
ALONE.





I WOULD
HAVE THIS
KIND OF
THOUGHT.

TO THINK
THAT



HANA-
ZONO-
SAN?



COMPARED
TO THE FIRST
TIME WE MET

THE ME OF
TODAY IS
EVEN MORE

COMPARED
TO JUST
BEFORE WE
STARTED
GOING OUT

*EVEN
MORE*

I

LOVE YOU,

HIYORI-SAN.



IN THE
FUTURE

EVEN
MORE

IT WILL
BE

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HANA-
CHAN

LET'S GO
ON A GRAND
VACATION!

EH!?

IT'LL BE
THE FOUR
OF US...

WHY!?



NO THANKS.



TUESDAY

動物園 ZOO



Good morning!

Hey!



Is that so

Me too.

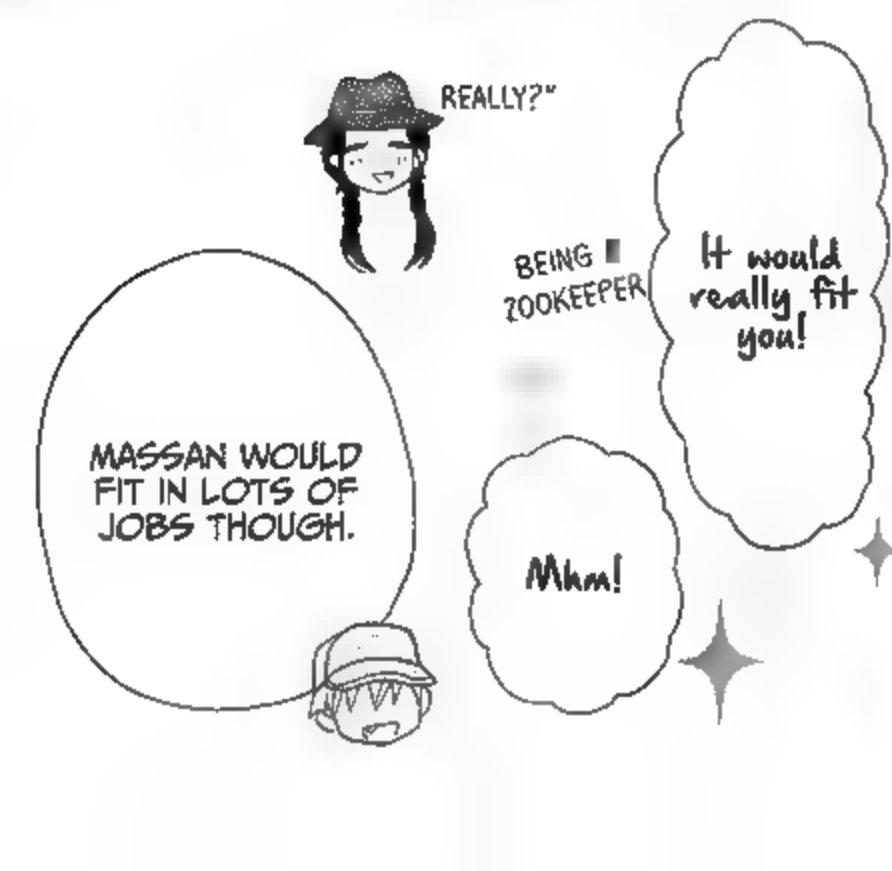
It's been
so long

since I
last came
to visit the
zoo.



When I was
a kid, I really
wanted to be a
zookeeper—

WE'RE
NOT KIDS
ANYMORE,
SO COMING
HERE ISN'T AS
WONDERFUL
AS IT USED
TO BE,
BUT
MASSAN
REALLY
WANTED
TO VISIT.



REALLY?"

BEING ■
ZOOKEEPER

It would
really fit
you!

Mhm!

MASSAN WOULD
FIT IN LOTS OF
JOBS THOUGH.





OH

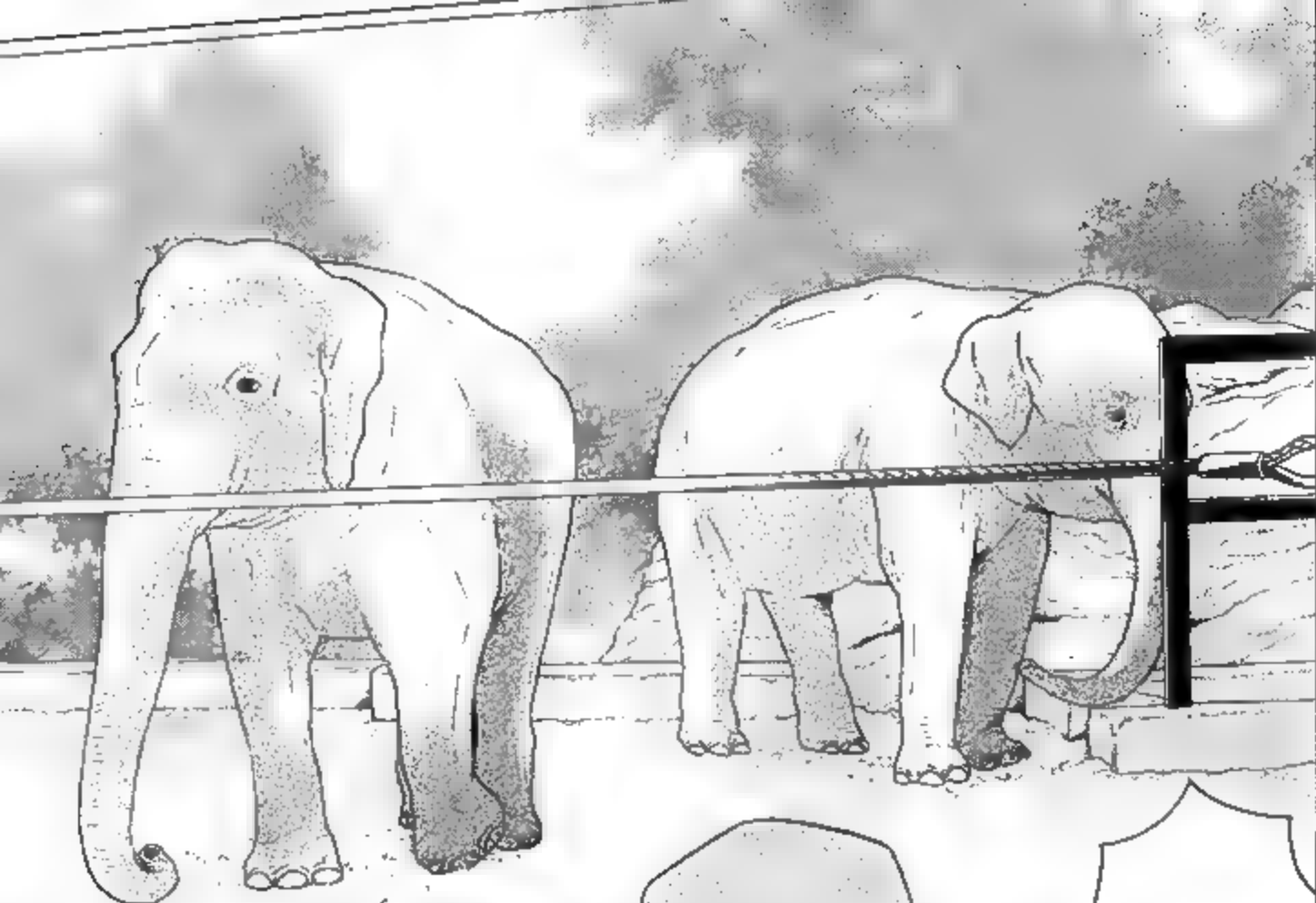
CROCODILE

PANDA

GIRAFFE

MINE'S A MONKEY

THERE ARE ANIMALS DRAWN ON THE TICKETS







Hana-chan
and I have been
friends for a
long time now,
after all!

How
nostalgic
...



Hehe



ME TOO.

CHIRP
CHIRP

THERE
ARE SO MANY
TREES HERE.

IT REMINDS
ME OF WHEN
WE WENT TO
HAKONE.





NO, NO.

THEY HAVE
A FINE RE-
LATIONSHIP.

ON THE
CONTRARY

THESE TWO
DON'T GET
ALONG WELL,
DO THEY?



//
Don't worry
Don't worry

IS THAT
TRUE?

PERHAPS
HIYORI-SAN IS
MORE RELAXED
WHEN SHE'S WITH
THEM COMPARED
TO WITH ME?

INDEED, WHEN
HIYORI-SAN

WAS WITH
KAZUMA-KUN,
THEY HAD THIS
SAME KIND OF
FEELING.



BROTHER



SISTER



SO IT'S
LIKE THIS,

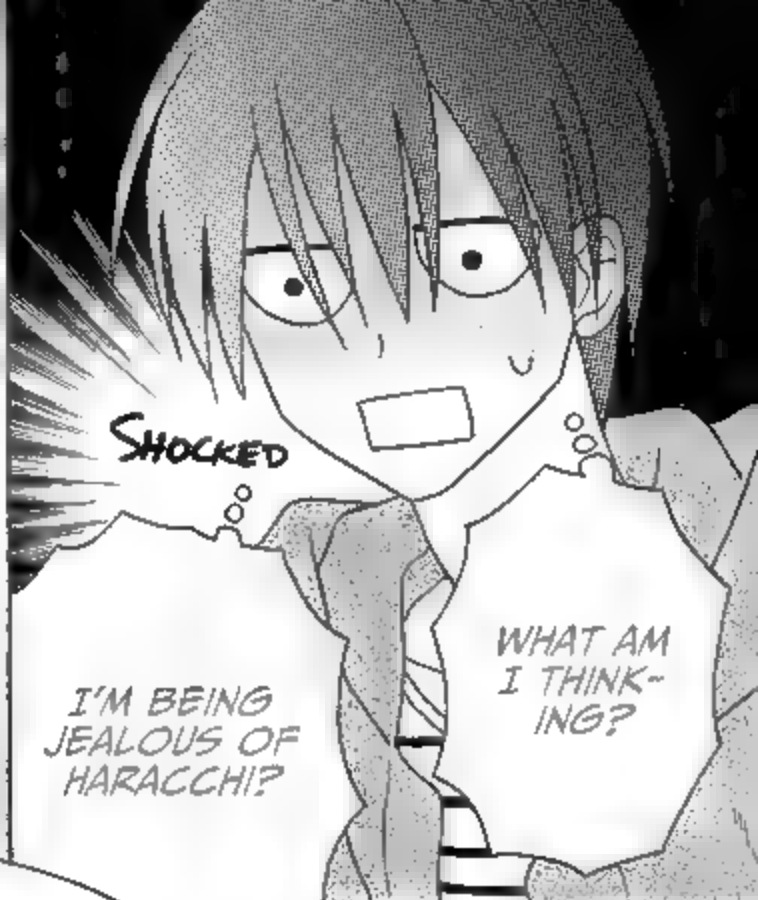
THIS IS WHAT
A GOOD RE-
LATIONSHIP
LOOKS
LIKE.

Serious



I'VE
BEEN
FEELING
THAT

AFTER
THE
TRIP TO
HAKONE



SHOCKED

I'M BEING
JEALOUS OF
HARACCHI?

WHAT AM
I THINK-
ING?



Hanazono-san,
the polar bears
are so cute!

I'VE BEEN
FEELING MORE
AND MORE
JEALOUS...

She is my

Hiyori-san.



What a
big bear!

SHAKE

Hanazono-
san?

Not good!

The only items they brought today

We did

DID YOU TWO BRING ONIGIRI?

OH MY

IT'S TIME FOR LUNCH ALREADY.

HEHEHE

YOU TOLD US NOT TO BRING ANY SIDE DISHES ...

SFX TADA

Wow!

Thanks!

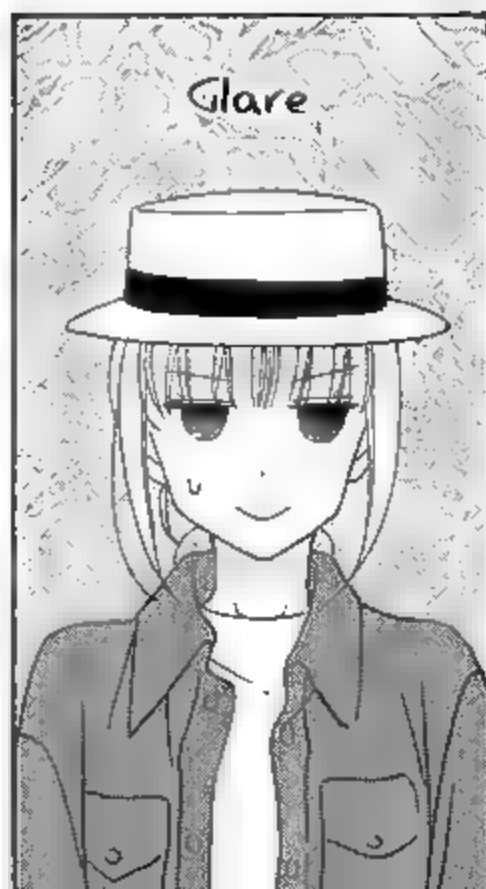
Our side dish today is Massan's homemade karaage!!

I USED A
SECRET SAUCE
ON THEM

THAT'S
AMAZ-
ING.

REA-
LLY?

MASSAN'S KARAAGE
IS VERY DELICIOUS,
YOU KNOW



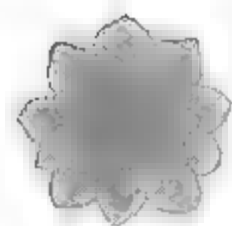


WHAT'S
AMUSING!?

Beer

HOW
AMUSING!

HARA



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WHAT IS THERE
AROUND HERE?

I THINK WE'RE
AT THE WEST
SIDE OF THE
PARK

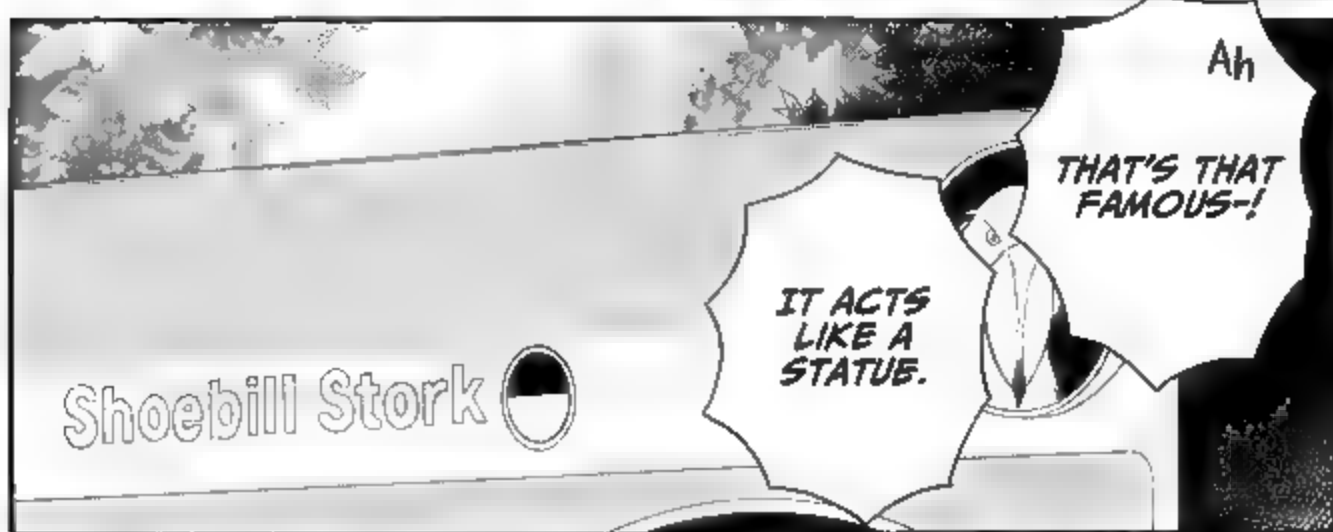
THERE'S
CROWS AND
MORE!



They
even have
flamingos!



Penguins!



Shoebill Stork

IT ACTS
LIKE A
STATUE.

Ah
THAT'S THAT
FAMOUS-!









...I ONLY
WANT TO
BE WITH YOU
RIGHT NOW.



Exit

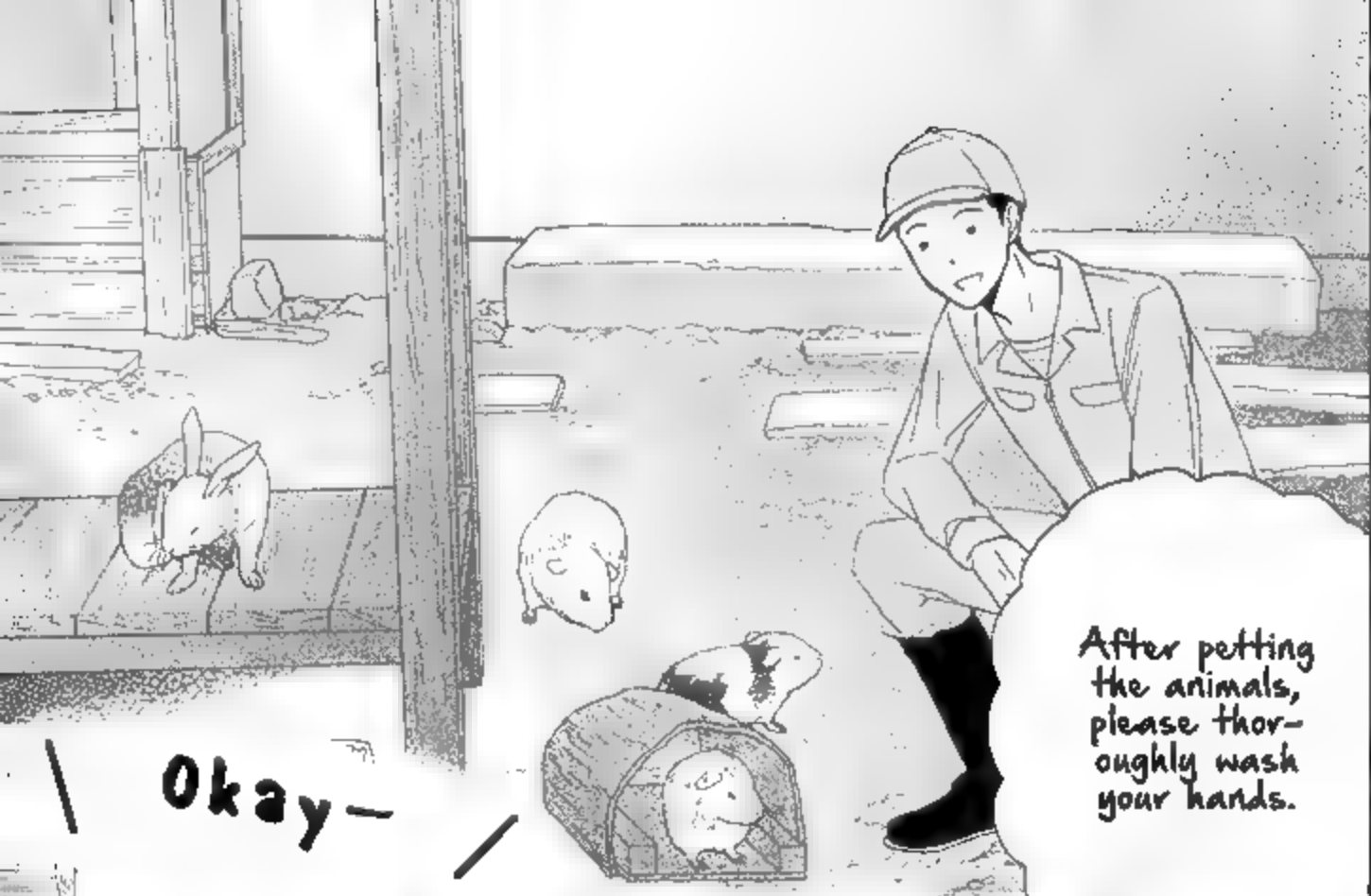
IT SEEMS THERE'S
AN ACTIVITY TO DO
OVER THERE

HEY!



IS SHE
LAUGH-
ING?







His face
is scary.

Who is that
person?



He must have
come here to
pet the animals,
right...?

But

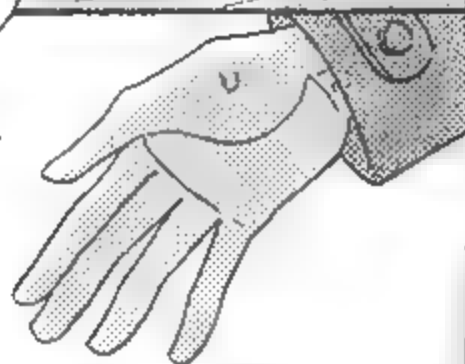


THIS LITTLE
ONE ISN'T
AFRAID OF
HUMANS.

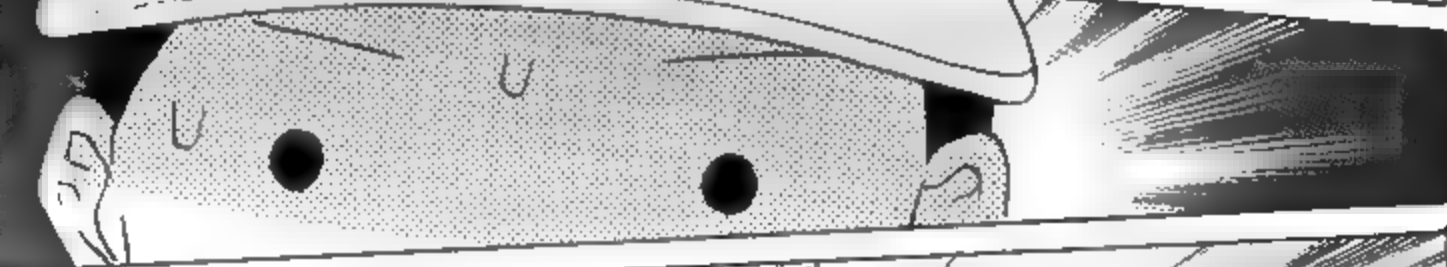
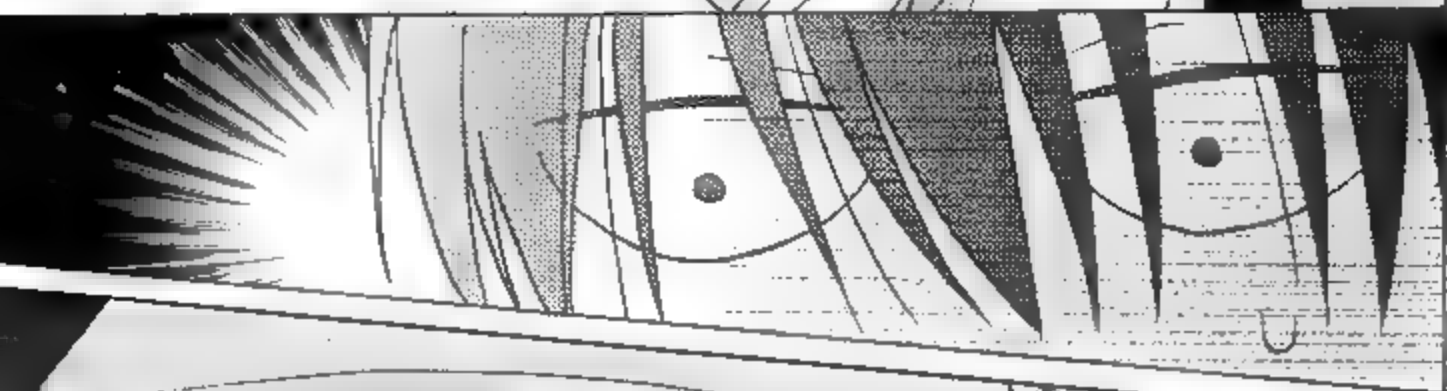
OH

OKAY
THEN.

Reach



EH...





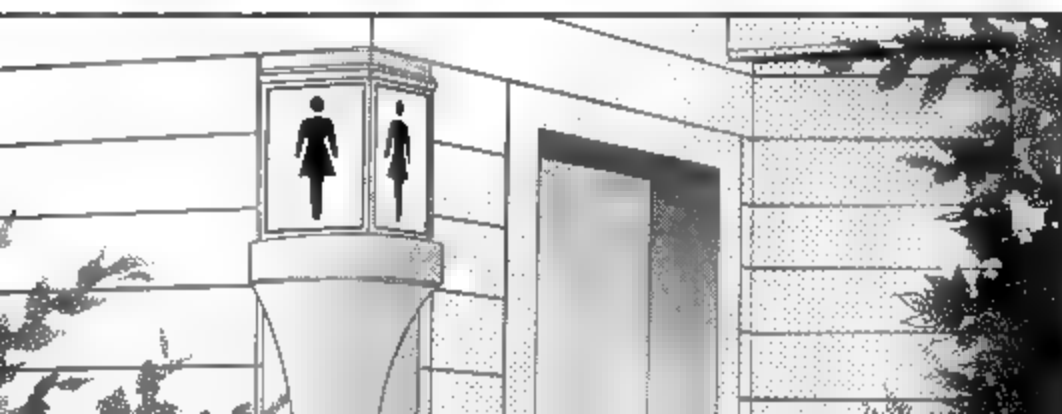
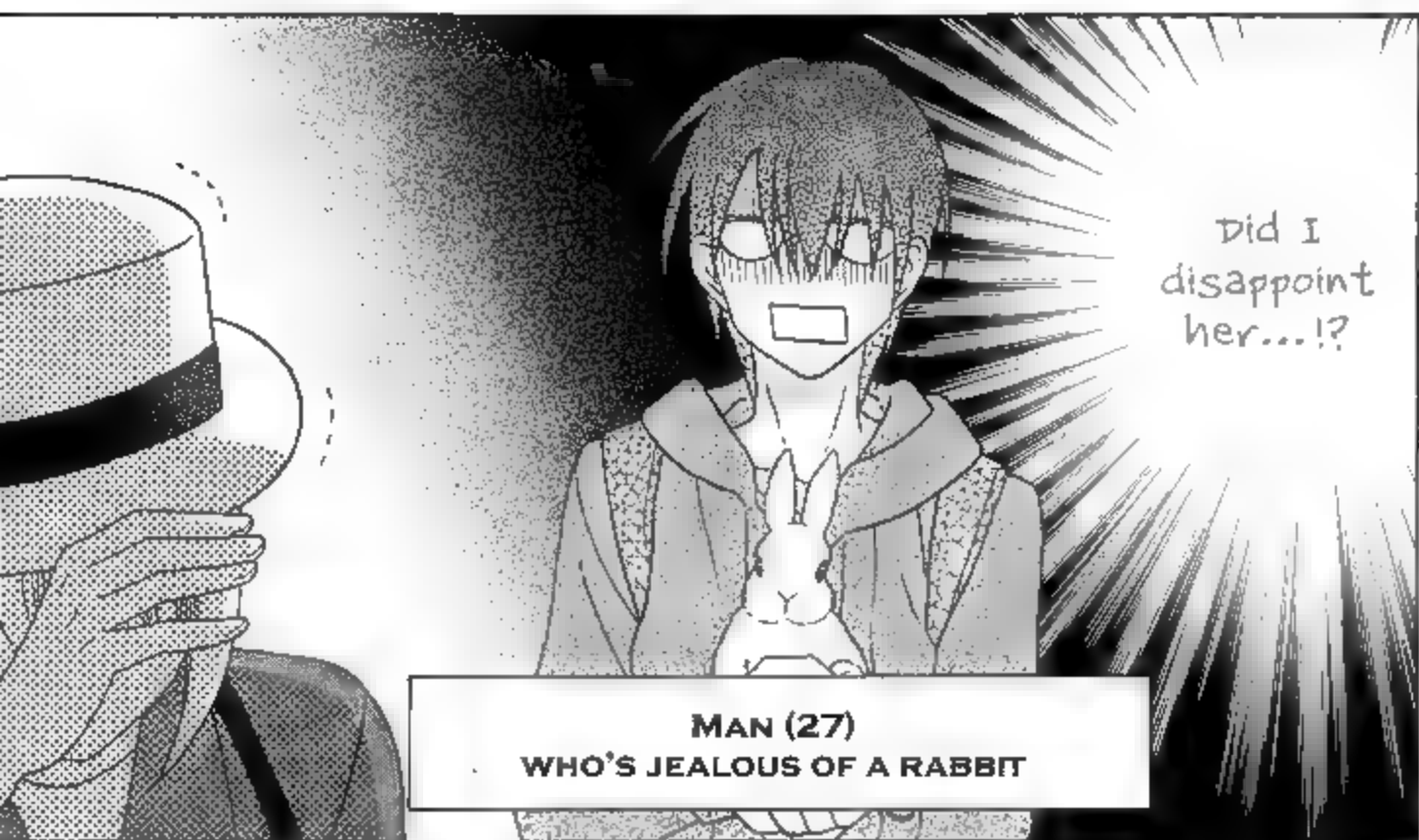




SORRY

I'M
JUST A BIT
JEALOUS

...







**THE RHINO
IS SO BIG!**

WOW

Almost like
a dinosaur,
right?

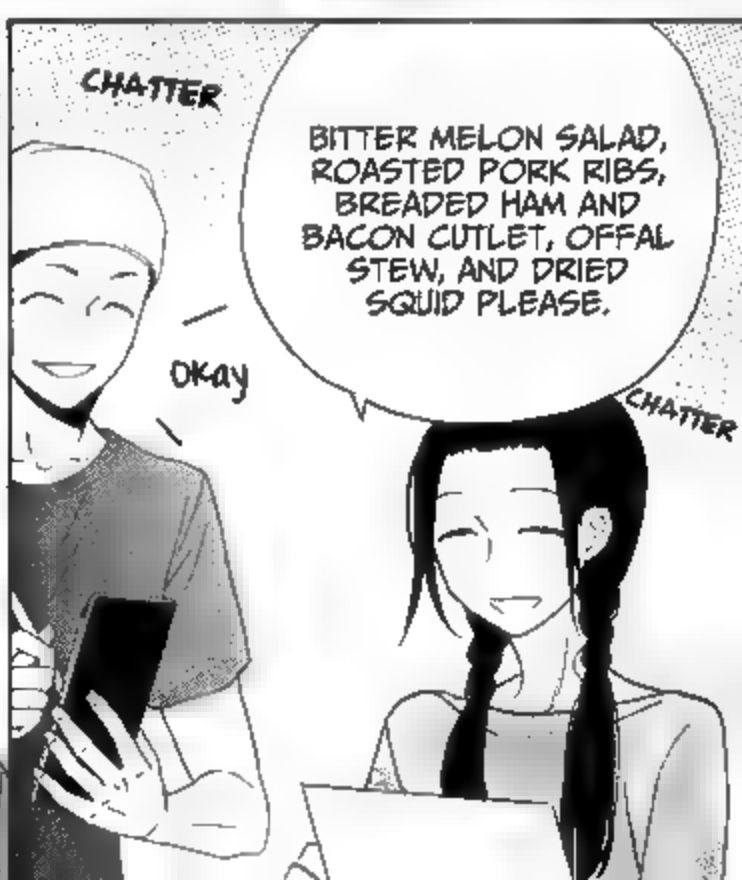


WATCHING

WATCHING

SELF-
REFLECTING

**HEY NOW,
MAKE SURE
TO LOOK
PROPERLY
AT THE
ANIMALS.**



Everything works out in the end.



Shisa



Hibiscus



Chinsuko

You give
off an
Okinawa
vibe.

AH,
BUT

I think I
under-
stand.

MAYUKO-SAN,
WHERE'S YOUR
FAMILY FROM?

OKINAWA!

OKINAWA!



AH—

That

SO



WOAH
WOAH

C-CONGRAT-
ULATIONS,
YOU TWO!

MARRY!?

Massan's
grandpa is also
an interesting
guy

FORTUNATELY,
MASSAN AND I
BOTH LIKE
ALCOHOL

SO WE
BELIEVE
THIS WILL
GO WELL.

CHILLED
TOFU
100YEN

WHEN WILL
YOU HOLD THE
MARRIAGE
CEREMONY?

THE CEREMONY
WILL PROBABLY
BE IN SPRING OF
NEXT YEAR.

It'll be held
in Okinawa





DRINK!

HARACCHI

...
IT'S NOT
ACTUALLY
FREE...!

When you
run your own
shop, your
drinks are
free!

You know,
you can come
over and visit
anytime.



SUZUKI!

ARE YOU
REALLY GOING
TO BE OKAY
STAYING WITH
HARA-SAN?



Ohhh

ooo

LET ME
KNOW IF
YOU'RE NOT
HAPPY WITH
ANYTHING.

I AM OVER-
JOYED TO BE
ABLE TO MARRY
HIRO-KUN.

BECAUSE
HE ALWAYS
CALLS ME
"MASSAN."

U
THAT'S
A BIT
MUCH.

HEY

HEY

AREN'T
YOU PRE-
PARING TO
MARRY!?

WHA!?

IN THAT
CASE, I
SUPPOSE
I'D LIKE HIM
TO CALL ME
BY MY GIVEN
NAME.



T-THAT'S
BECAUSE
THAT'S JUST
MY HABIT!

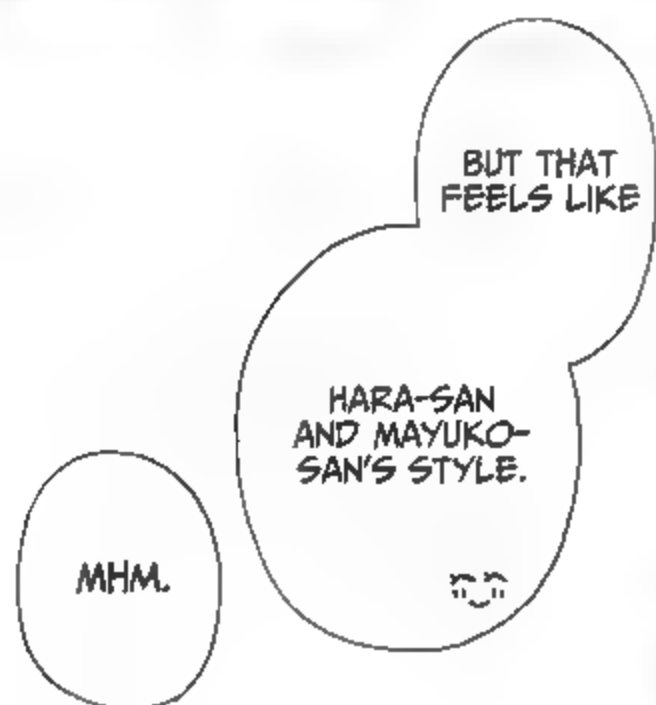
We don't mind addressing
each other like this

OH

SUZUKI STILL
USES HANA-
CHAN'S LAST
NAME

I MEAN,
HANA-CHAN,
YOU ALSO USE
HONORIFICS
WITH HER,
DON'T YOU?







I'M SO
HAPPY FOR
THEM.

THIS IS A
CHEERFUL
EVENT.

WITH MOM,
TOO

...

OH!

LET'S
ALL HAVE A
PARTY!

WE
SHOULD
ALL CELE-
BRATE TO-
GETHER,

IT'S JUST
AS YOU SAY,

MORIYA-
SAN.





THIS IS
JUST HOW
HIYORI LIKES
TO PLAY WITH
HANAZONO-KUN.

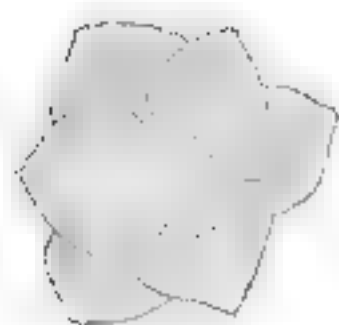
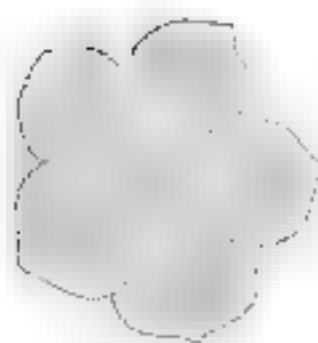
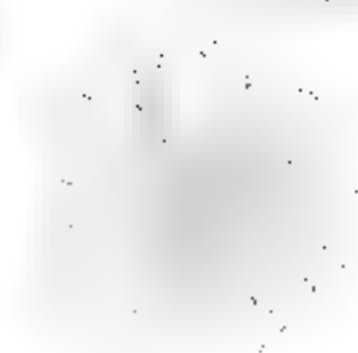
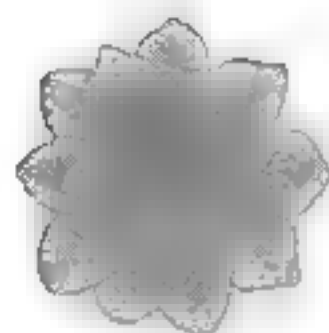
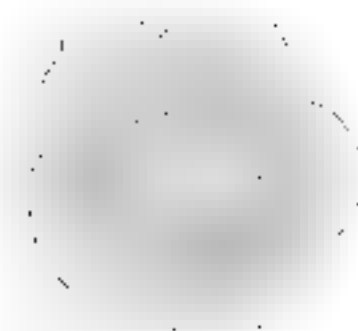


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Kawaii Hito



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第20話
わ



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MY HOME
IS A LITTLE
FLORIST
SHOP

EVER
SINCE
I WAS
LITTLE,

I HAVE
LOVED
THIS BRIGHT,
FLOWERY
HOME OF
MINE.





I
WOULD
OFTEN
LOOK AT
THE MULTI-
COLORED
FLORA IN
THE SHOP.

WATCH-
ING IT BE
WRAPPED
INTO A
PRETTY
BOUQUET,

BEFORE
BEING SOLD
TO PEOPLE.



I WANT TO
HELP MOM
AND DAD RUN
THE STORE
TOGETHER.

I WANT
TO GROW
UP SOON.

THIS IS
HOW I
THOUGHT.



IN MY
FIRST YEAR
OF JUNIOR
HIGH, MY
FATHER
PASSED
AWAY,
SO I
STARTED
TO HELP OUT
AROUND THE
SHOP.



THAT
TIME WAS
VERY EX-
HAUSTING.

IN
ADDITION,
IT'S ALL
PHYSICAL
LABOR.

So heavy...

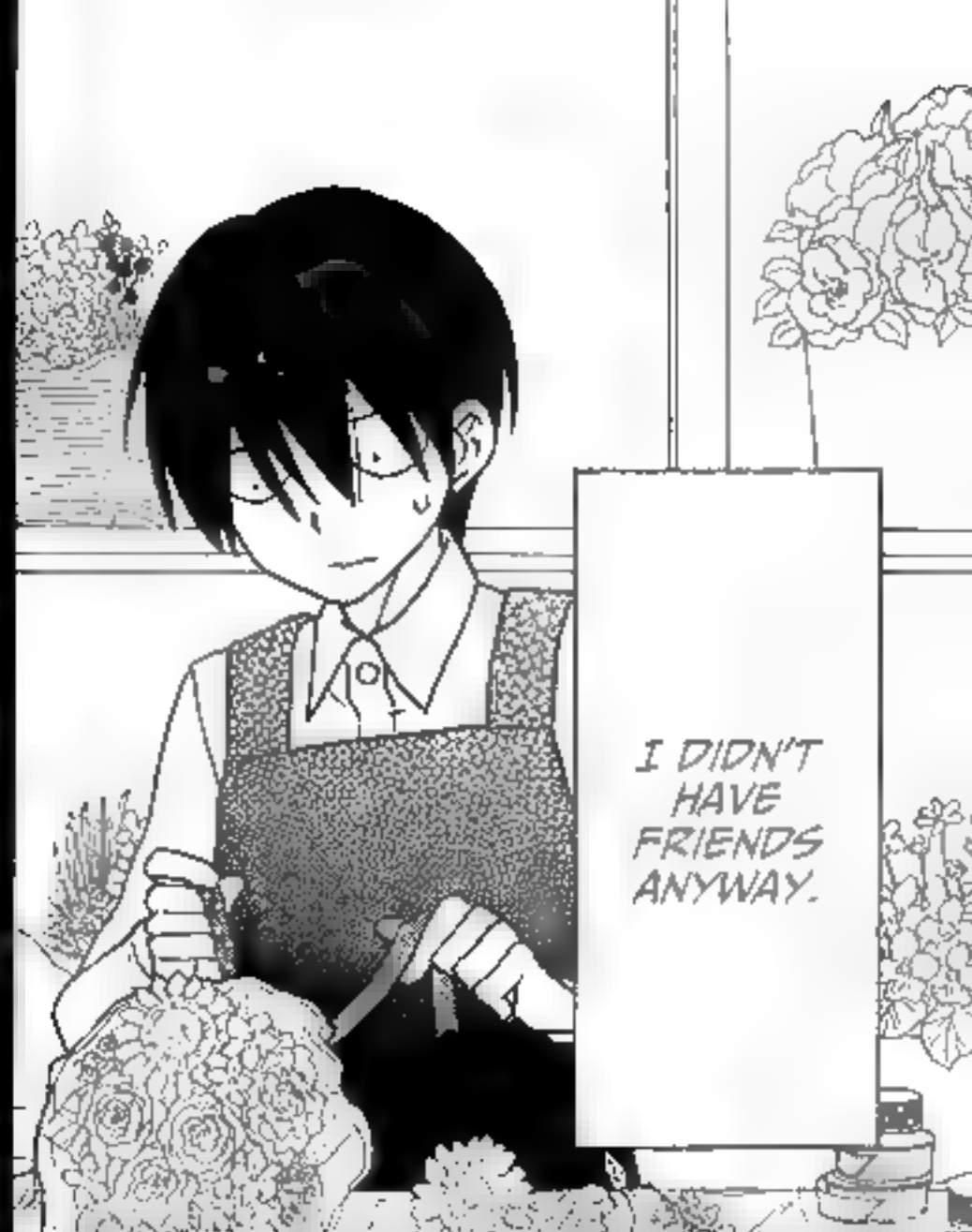
HOWEVER,
CARING FOR
FLOWERS IS
VERY DIFFI-
CULT.



AFTER
SCHOOL ENDED,
I WOULD HEAD
STRAIGHT HOME
TO CONTINUE
HELPING OUT.

I WOULD
HELP IN
THE SHOP
BEFORE
HEADING TO
SCHOOL.

IN THE
MORN-
INGS,



WHICH
IS WHY
I HAVE
NEVER
FELT
THAT DOING
THIS KIND OF
WORK WAS
TROUBLE-
SOME.

...HOW-
EVER.







WHAT!?

So cool!

I DID
IT...!

Grip

YOU
DID IT!

REACH
OUT



What are
you thinking
of bringing
over!

Of course!

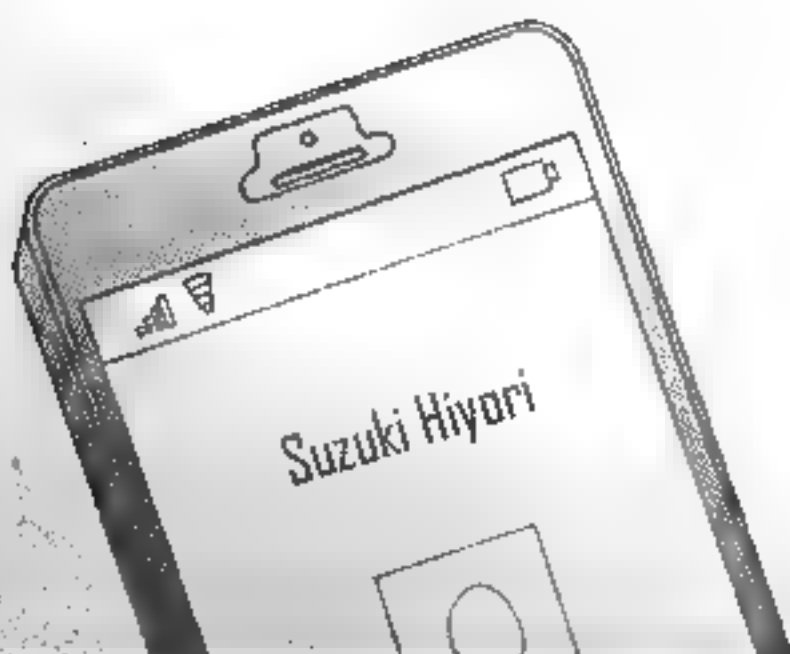
MAY I BRING
OVER MY GIRL-
FRIEND'S HOME-
MADE COOKING
FOR THE PARTY?

OH -
SURE,
SURE!

I LOOK
FORWARD TO
MEETING YOUR
GIRLFRIEND!

WHY DON'T
YOU COME
OVER NEXT
WEEK FOR
A PARTY?





IN THAT CASE,
I CAN HEAD OVER
AT THREE.



GO FOR IT,
YOUR EFFORT
IN CAREER PRE-
PARATIONS
WILL COME
THROUGH!

OKAY, NO
PROBLEM.

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT,

I HAVE A
CAREER INFO
MEETING IN
THE MORNING

...

MAYUKO-SAN
IS BRINGING
OVER ROAST
PORK.

WHAT!?

OH,
RIGHT.

AS SOON
AS I MEN-
TIONED HER
JOB SEARCH,
HER VOICE
BECAME SAD
AND GLOOMY.

BY WHICH
YOU MEAN

...

I NEED
TO WORK
EXTRA
HARD...



WHAT A
FEARSOME
FAREWELL
PARTY...

QUITE THE
EVENT.

IT SEEMS
THAT SHE
HAD A FARE-
WELL PARTY
AT HER
WORK,
SO SHE'S
BRINGING
SOME OF
THE REMAIN-
ING ROAST
PORK FROM
THAT PARTY.



HARACCHI
AND
MAYUKO-
SAN,

BOTH OF
THEM ARE MAKING
PREPARATIONS TO
MOVE OUT.

MHH.

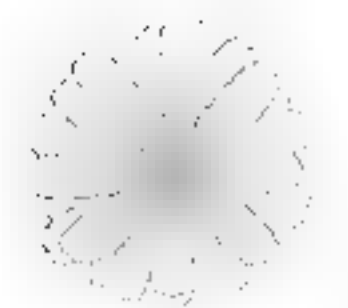
I'M LOOKING
FORWARD TO
THE PARTY.



TUESDAY







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The more I learn,
the more mysterious
it seems...

YOU
HAVEN'T
HEARD
ANY-
THING!?

I'M ON
GOOD
TERMS
WITH MY
SISTERS
THOUGH

I ALWAYS
THOUGHT
THAT HE
WAS QUITE
BRAVE TO
DO THAT
...

WHEN I WAS
ROUGHLY IN
SENIOR HIGH,
HE SUDDENLY
DISAPPEARED
ONE DAY.



DOES
HARA-SAN
HAVE ANY
SIBLINGS?

FOR ME,
I HAVE BOTH
OLDER AND
YOUNGER
BROTHERS.

WE DON'T
GET ALONG
WELL, SO I
DON'T WANT
TO INVITE
THEM.



HARA PRAC-
TITIONERS

Both his older
and younger
brothers are
doctors.

THEY'RE ALL
JUST QUACKS!

So that's
how it is.

HARACCHI
COMES FROM
A FAMILY OF
DOCTORS.



WOW
~~~~~  
U

HE LIKED THIS  
ONE TEACHER  
THAT CAME FOR  
AN INTERNSHIP.

WHEN  
HANA-CHAN  
WAS IN  
JUNIOR  
HIGH,

NO NO,

THAT'S NOT  
HOW IT IS!

SO YOU  
ACTUALLY  
LIKE OLDER  
WOMEN...?

THE ONLY  
KIND OF  
PERSON  
I LIKE IS  
HIYORI-SAN!

OKAY.

O-



I DIDN'T  
THINK OF  
HER IN ANY  
OTHER WAY

I JUST  
THOUGHT  
THAT SHE  
WAS A VERY  
KIND PERSON.

WHEN  
I WAS  
ALONE,  
SHE WAS  
THE ONLY  
ONE TO  
TALK TO  
ME.

STOP IT. U



Obviously I  
wanted to  
support you.

No, no.

BY THE  
TIME I ASKED  
ABOUT HER,  
THE TEACHER  
HAD ALREADY  
LEFT.

I LOOK  
SCARY TO  
OTHERS.

THAT'S  
BECAUSE

BECAUSE  
THIS IS HANA-  
CHAN WE'RE  
TALKING ABOUT,  
HE WOULD GIVE  
UP IMMEDIATELY.



...LOOK  
SCARY, HUH.

WHAT DOES  
THAT MATTER?

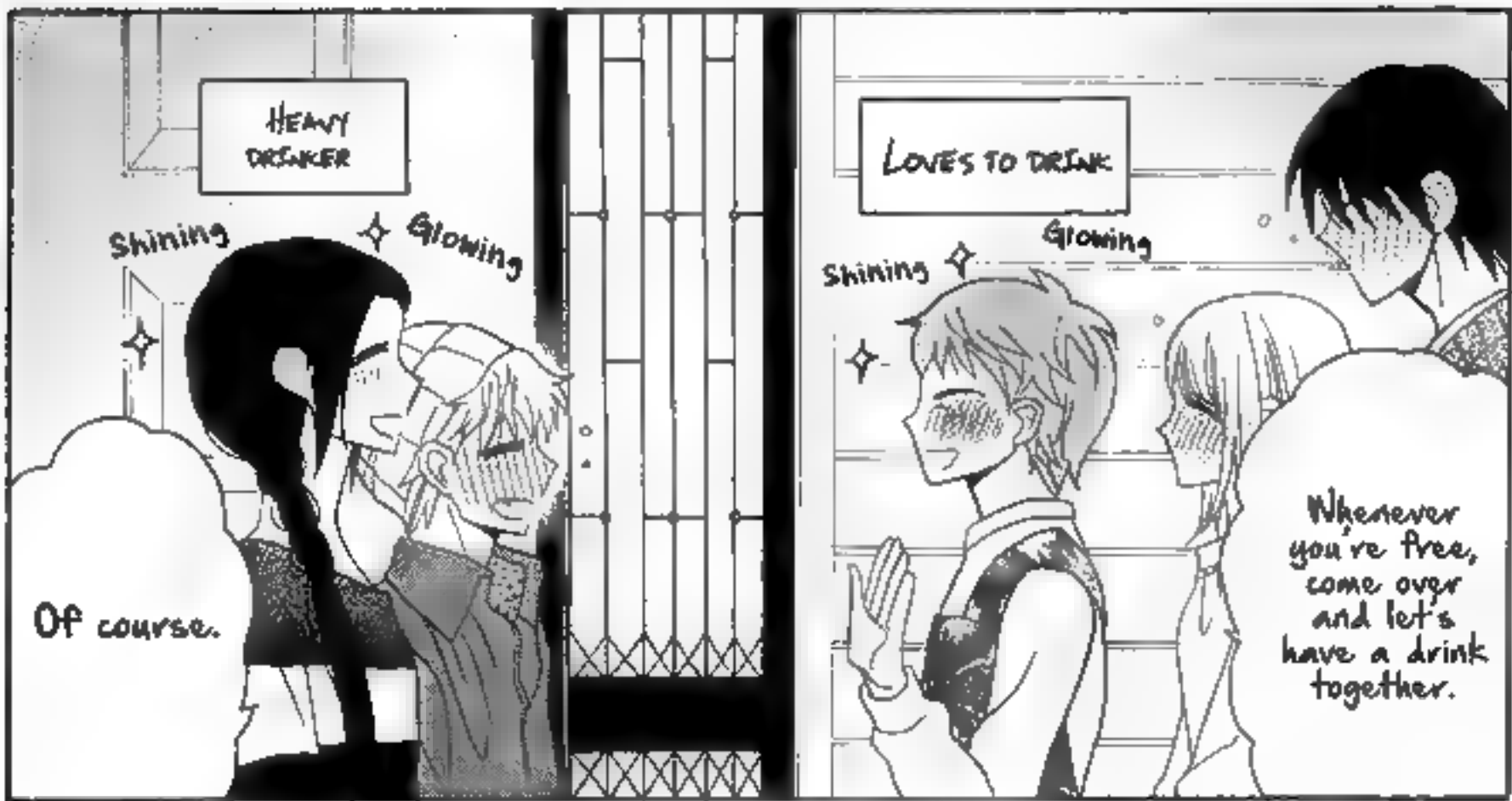
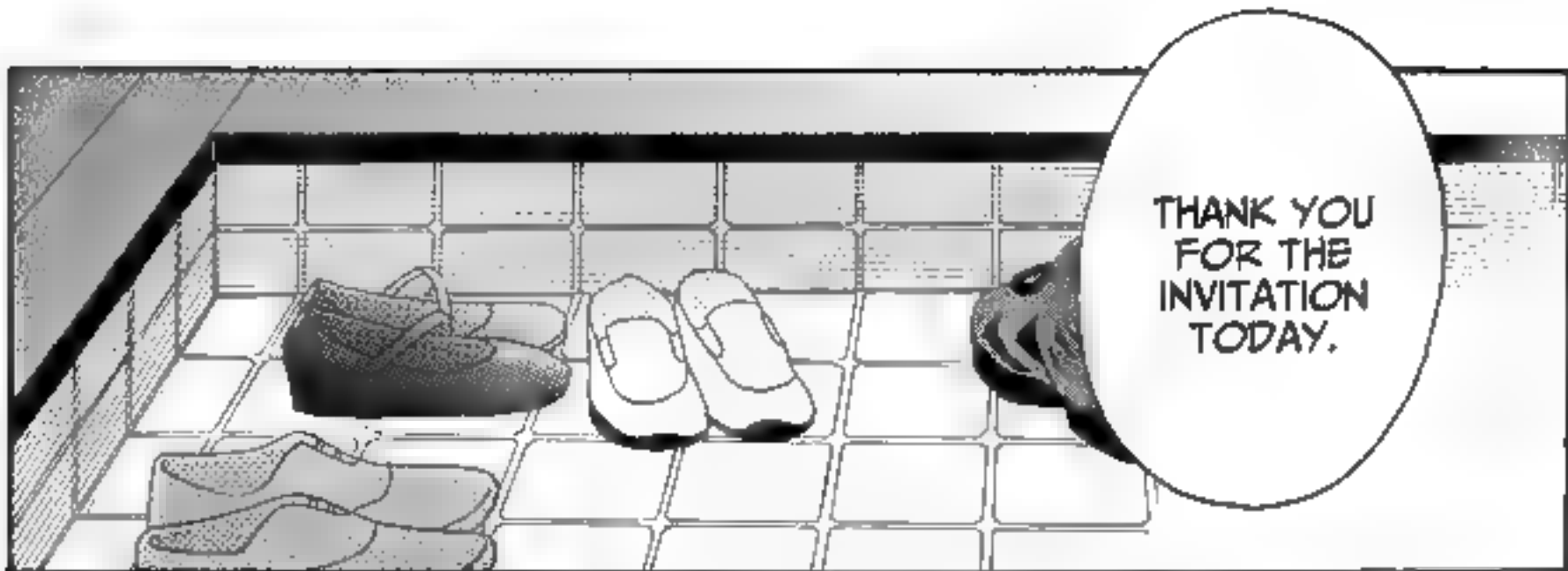
HANA-CHAN,  
YOU ARE  
A GREAT  
PERSON.

YOU  
SHOULD  
HAVE CON-  
FIDENCE.

THERE ARE  
PEOPLE WHO  
CAN SEE YOU  
FOR WHO  
YOU ARE.

LIKE  
SUZUKI  
OVER  
HERE,







...  
OKAY.

I'LL BE  
CAREFUL.



TAUNT~

WELL,

HANA-  
CHAN AND I  
ARE BEST  
FRIENDS.

YOU SHOULD  
BE CAREFUL  
THAT ONE DAY  
YOU DON'T  
LOSE YOUR  
RELATIONSHIP  
WITH HIM.

EVEN IF  
WE MOVE  
FAR AWAY  
FROM EACH  
OTHER, WE  
WILL NEVER  
LOSE OUR  
FRIENDSHIP.



HMM?

I'LL  
SEND YOU  
A PICTURE  
OF HANA-  
ZONO-SAN TO  
KEEP YOU  
COMPANY.

WHAT...

HARA-  
SAN  
TOO,

IF YOU'RE  
EVER FEEL-  
ING LONELY,  
THEN SPEAK  
UP.





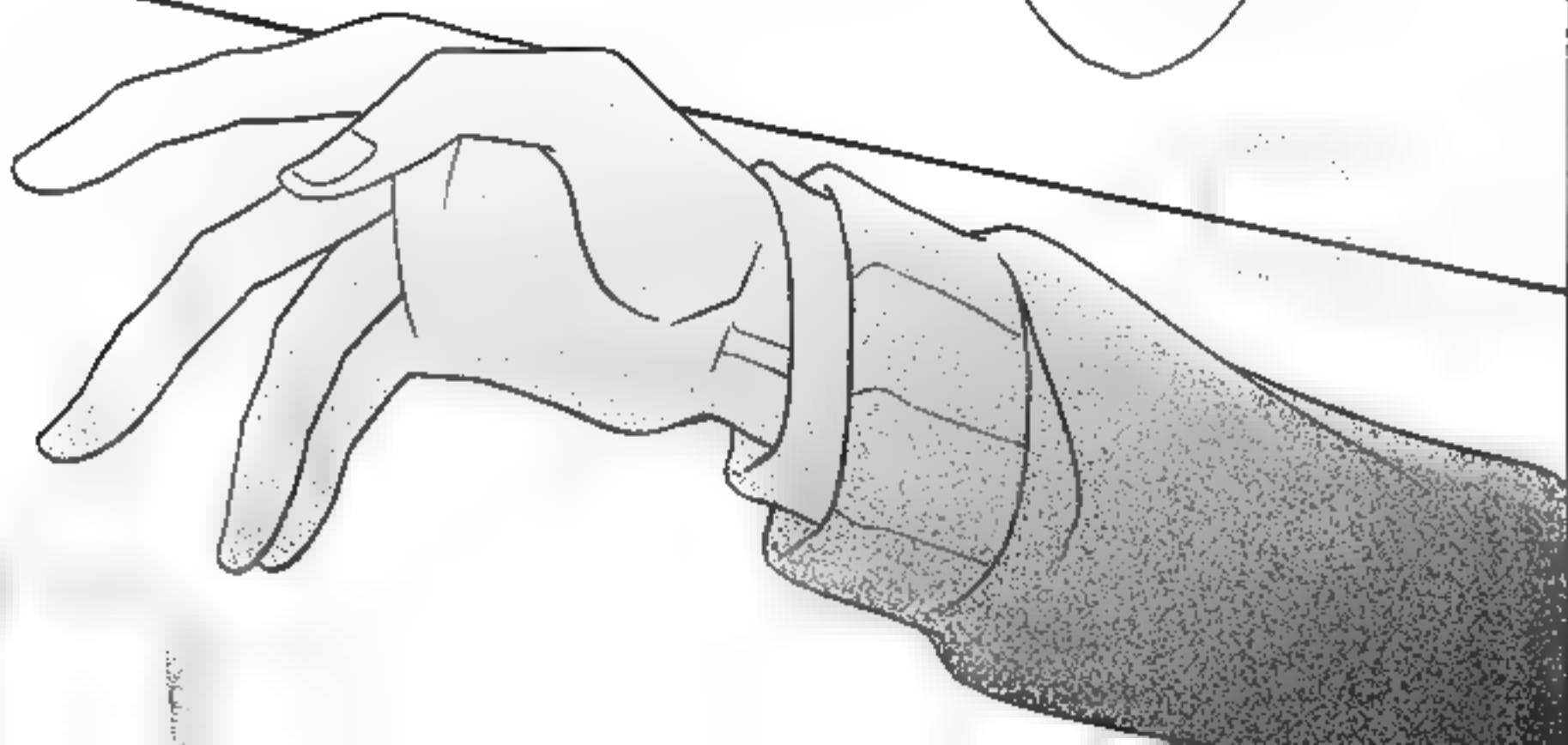


Please  
rest well.



I SUPPOSE  
I SHOULD BE  
HEADING HOME  
NOW, THEN.

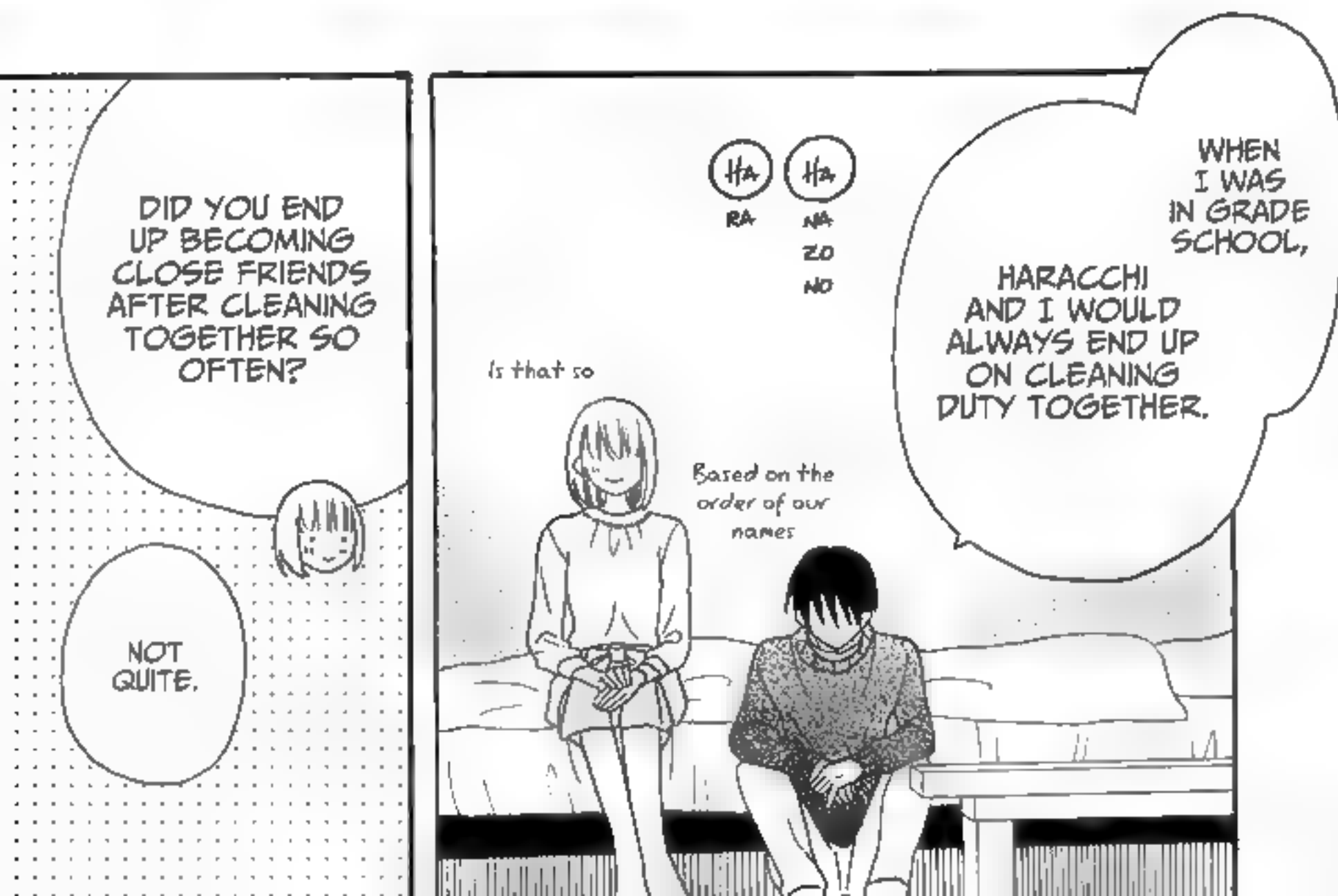
DON'T  
GO.







HANA-  
ZONO-  
SA...





—ONE  
TIME,

THE VASE  
IN THE CLASS-  
ROOM WAS  
SHATTERED.



Be gentler...

SWEET SWEET

THE WAY HE  
CLEANED WAS  
TOO ROUGH,  
SO IT TROU-  
BLED ME.

Ahh...



THE  
QUESTION  
OF WHO  
DID IT,

BECAME  
A TOPIC OF  
DISCUSSION  
■ CLASS.

I THINK  
THE ONES  
WHO WERE  
ON DUTY AT  
THE TIME ARE  
SUSPICIOUS.







Clamour



scary!!

KICK

YOU'RE  
BEING  
ANNOYING!

...  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT  
HAPPENED.

It was caused  
by the curtains.

AFTER-  
WARDS,

I LEARNED  
THAT HARACCHI  
WASN'T IN THE  
WRONG.





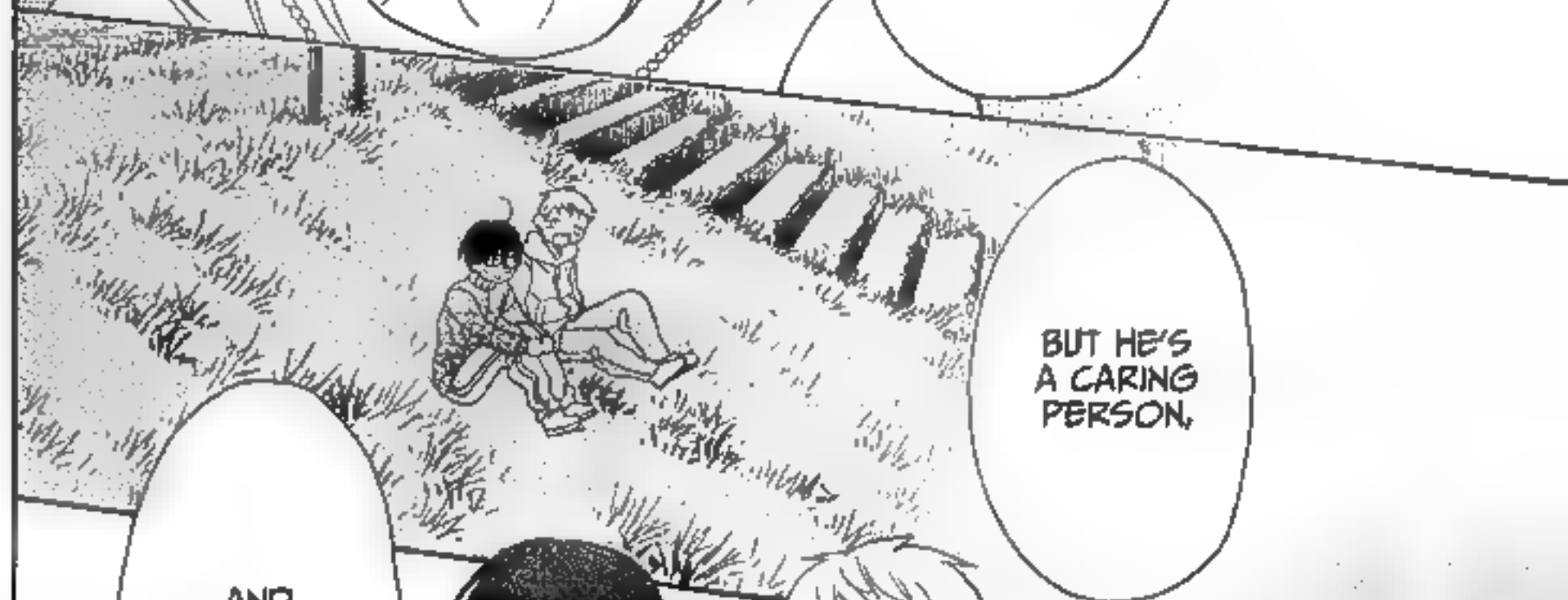
I  
REALIZED

THAT HE  
SAID THAT  
TO PROTECT  
ME.



HARACCHI,  
HE,

HE MAY  
BE A BIT  
CRUDE,



BUT HE'S  
A CARING  
PERSON,

AND  
VERY  
BRAVE  
TOO.





HARACCHI  
LOOKED  
SO HAPPY  
TODAY,

I'M SO  
GLAD.

I WANT HIM,

AND  
MAYUKO-SAN  
TO BE HAPPY  
TOGETHER.

IT'S  
LONELY  
...

THEY'LL BE  
GOING SO  
FAR AWAY.

BUT,



MMM.

WOULD  
BE FUN.

AN  
OKINAWA  
VACATION,

...MMM.

LET'S GO  
VISIT THEM  
OFTEN.

THEN,





DRUNK

I'M SORRY.

IT SEEMS


I ACTUALLY  
DID END UP  
GETTING  
DRUNK.

Blush

THAT  
KIND OF  
THING...

embarrassed.





I'VE BECOME  
LESS MATURE.

-RE-  
CENTLY,

I FEEL  
LIKE



I HAD  
ALWAYS  
FELT,

OR IF  
I LOSE  
HOPE,

NO  
MATTER  
IF OTHER  
PEOPLE  
AVOID ME,

THERE WAS  
NOTHING I  
COULD DO  
ABOUT IT.

I WANT  
HER ALL  
TO MY-  
SELF,



BUT  
RECENTLY,

I'M JEALOUS  
OF OTHERS,



THESE  
FEELINGS  
THAT I CAN'T  
HOLD BACK,

AND I SAY  
DISAPPOINTING  
THINGS.





IF THIS  
CONTINUES,

THEY KEEP  
GROWING  
INSIDE OF  
ME.

WILL  
HIYORI-  
SAN

BECOME  
ANNOYED  
AT ME?

THAT'S  
NOT TRUE.

YOU'RE NOT  
IMMATURE  
AT ALL.



HANAZONO-  
SAN IS

AN  
ADORABLE  
PERSON.





MAY  
LEAVE  
ME AT A  
LOSS,

THESE  
EVER-  
CHANGING  
FEELINGS  
OF MINE...

SAYING I'M  
ADORABLE...



SO I AM  
A HAPPY MAN  
AFTER ALL.

BUT THE  
PERSON  
I LOVE  
MOST,

TELLS ME  
SUCH SWEET  
AND TENDER  
WORDS.

Omake

This is Hanazono-kun  
recently as he's been  
drinking with his mother  
in the evenings.

I want to become  
someone who won't  
get drowsy after  
drinking alcohol.

Keep  
going  
~~~

Very
happy →

Glug
glug





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Kawaii Hito

特別編

BADUMP

BADUMP

GREET-
INGS,
EVERY-
ONE.

I CURRENT-
LY WORK AS
A FLORIST.

MY NAME
IS HANAZONO
MORIYA. I AM
27 YEARS
OLD.

OTHERS HAVE
BEEN AVOIDING
ME THROUGHOUT
MY WHOLE LIFE.

Hanazono-kun's
eyes are so scary!

SINCE
MY FACE
LOOKS
SCARY,

WITH SUZUKI
HIYORI-SAN.

I STARTED
GOING OUT
WITH THE GIRL
I MET BEFORE
WHILE DELIVER-
ING FLOWERS,

HOW-
EVER,
UNEX-
PECT-
EDLY,

THE TWO
OF US CAME
HERE TODAY
TO ICE SKATE
TOGETHER.

SO

SPORTS
PLAZA

TENNIS

BOWLING

ICE SKATE

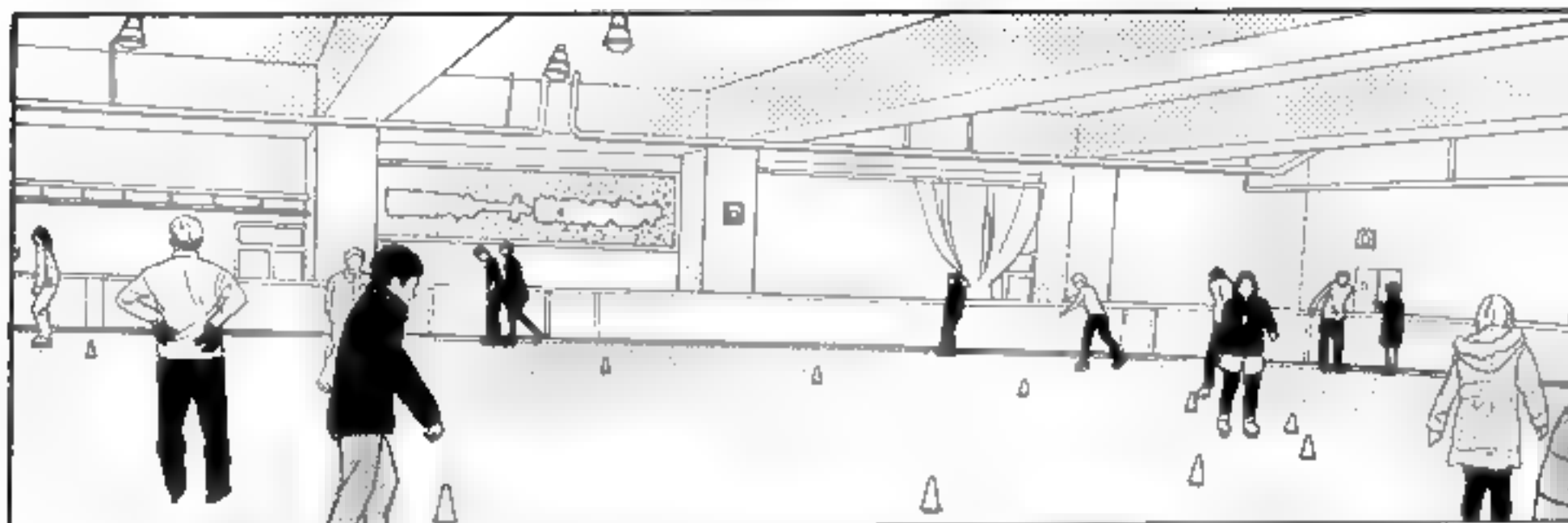
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BADUMP

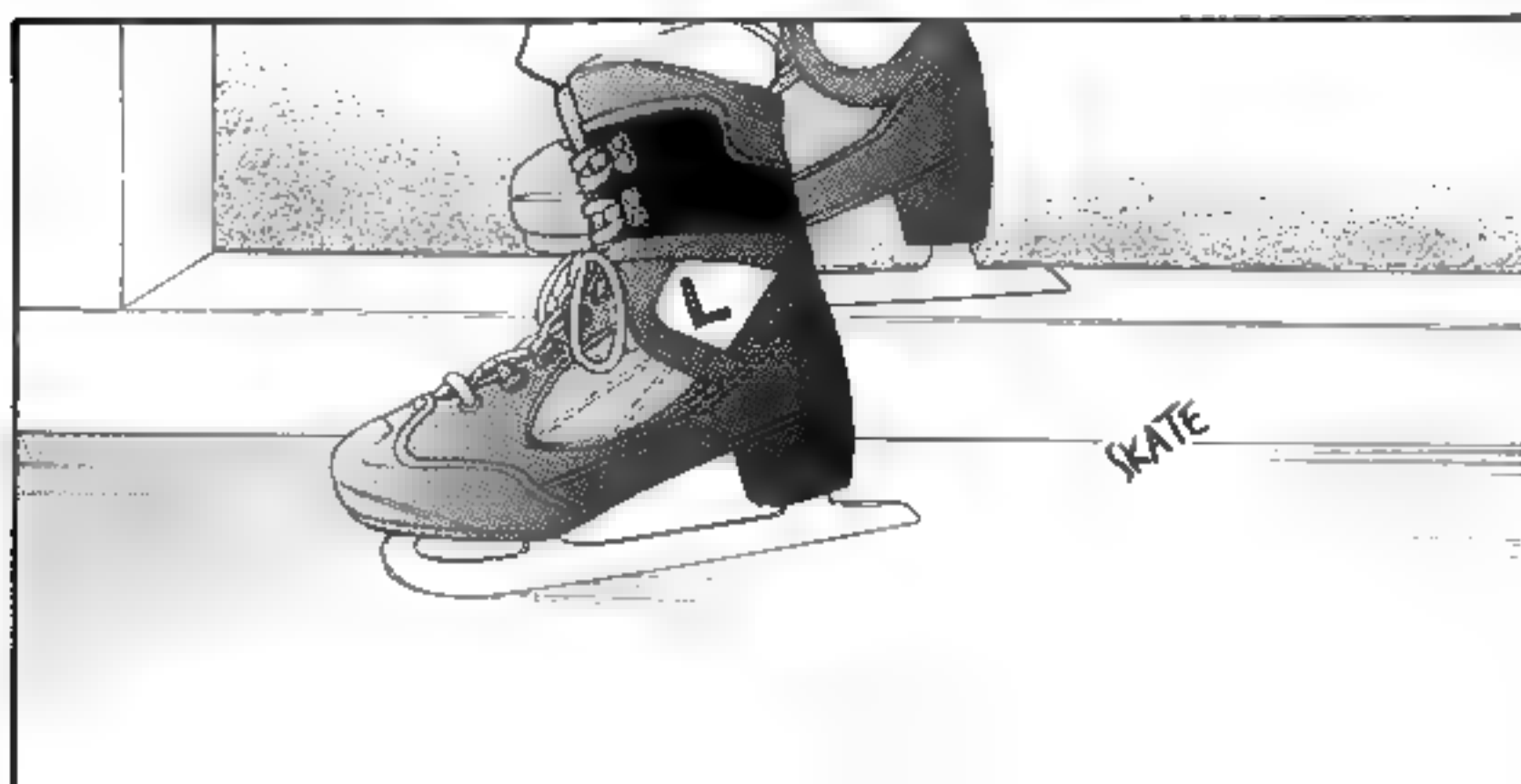
BADUMP

THIS IS THE
ICE SKATING
RINK...!

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Expression upon
seeing his savior



YOU
GOT
THIS,

HANAZONO-
SAN.

I CAN HELP
YOU SKATE.



And I
fall down,
then you
would fall
down as
well.

If we
hold
hands



NO,

That's
no good.

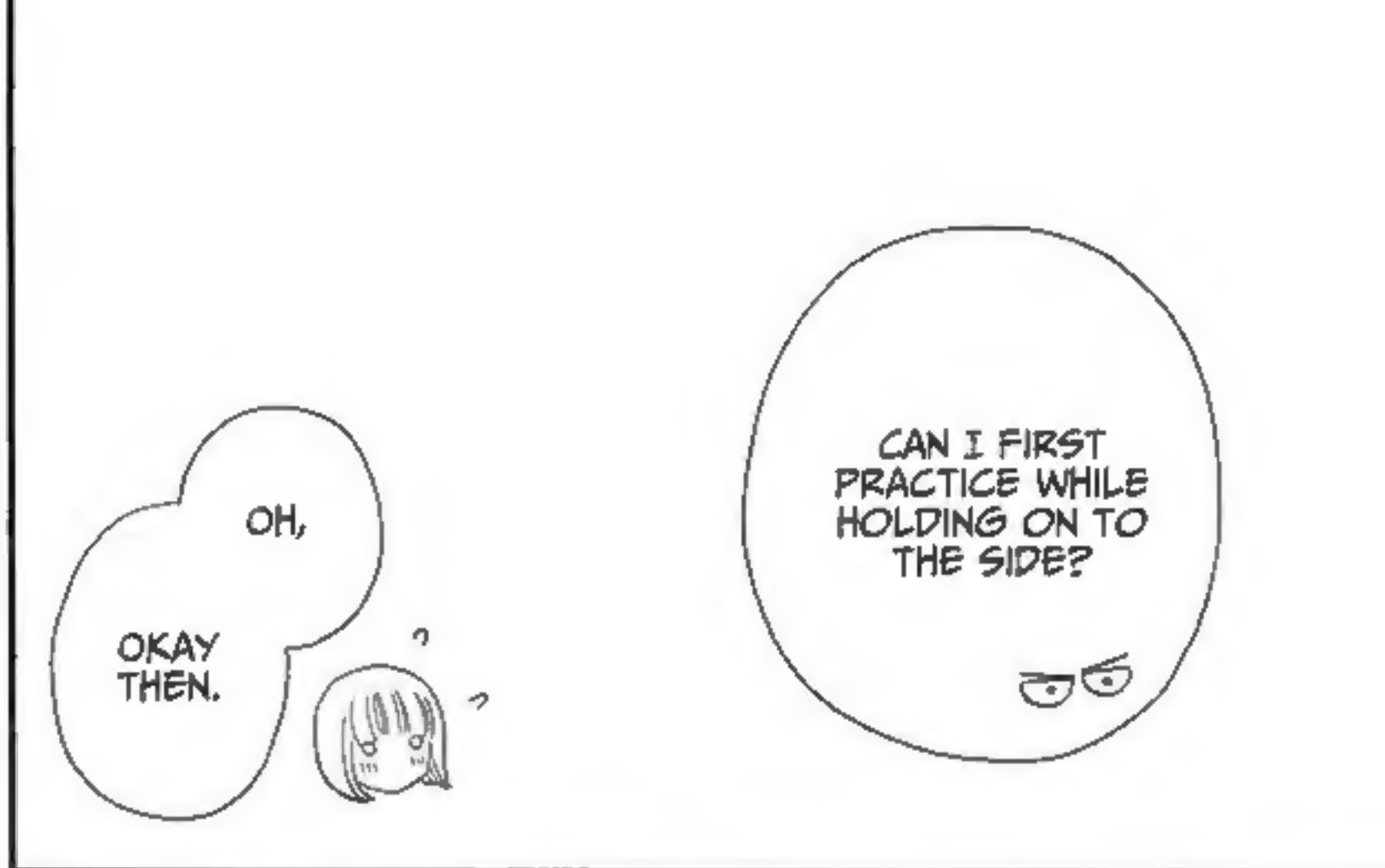
How is
this

easy!!

SLIDE

SLIDE







AFTER THAT,
HANAZONO-
KUN,

ALTHOUGH
HE ALMOST
FELL DOWN
SEVERAL
TIMES

HE
FINALLY
LEARNED
HOW TO
ICE SKATE.

THE NEXT
DAY, HIS
BODY FELT
SORE ALL
OVER...

It's because
you overexerted
yourself!

Mom

I wonder
why my neck
also aches...

SIDE CHAPTER / FIN

...

ALRIGHT.

LET'S GO
TOGETHER,
AFTER ALL.

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